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MEMORANDA.

Trade.—The imports during February were valued at £3,081,184, which shows a small increase of £61,444, or over 2 per cent., as compared with the corresponding month of last year. The direct overseas imports amounted to £1,680,664, as compared with £1,625,635 in 1907; the total for the two months was £3,359,909, an increase of £295,346 over the corresponding figures for last year. During the two months there were increases in sugar, apparel and soft goods, boots and shoes, and timber; but decreases in kerosene, spirits, tobacco, gold, fish, drugs and chemicals, and tea.

The overseas exports for February amounted to £3,205,116, and show a small increase of £11,192, or about 0.35 per cent., as compared with the corresponding month of last year. During the first two months there were substantial increases in butter and coal, but decreases in nearly all the principal articles, including copper, gold, wheat, meats, tallow, tin, and wool. Separating merchandise from gold, the exports of the former decreased by £18,880, and the latter increased by £30,072.

Gold Production.—The gold yield during February was 15,979 oz. crude, equal to 13,499 oz. fine, valued at £57,342. The value of gold produced during the two months was £167,925, and showed an increase of £17,096, as compared with the corresponding period of 1907.

Prices.—The general index number for February was slightly lower than in January, and was lower than for February in either of the previous two years. The index number for pastoral produce was 1,202, for metals 1,081, and for all articles 1,213. Prices generally were a little lower than for the previous month, with the exception of butter, which showed a considerable advance, frozen mutton, hides, silver, tin, and coal.

Meteorology.—Monsoonal weather conditions were experienced over the whole of the State during the month of February, and some exceptionally heavy falls of rain were recorded on the South Coast, Hunter, and Manning, Central Western Plains, Riverina, and Western Division. The rainfall generally was considerably in excess of the average. For the most part mild temperatures ruled throughout the State during the month.

Land Selections.—During February 160 new settlers applied for 69,421 acres; and 48,082 acres, representing 78 blocks, were set apart for residential settlement. Since the beginning of the year the number of new settlers has been 329, and the area applied for 176,126 acres. The original area set apart for residential settlement since the 1st January has been 131,514 acres, representing 199 blocks.

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No. 1.—Population.

| Year. | Estimated Population at end of Year. | | | Annual Increase. | | Mean Population. |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | Numerical. | Per cent. | |
| 1897 | 692,090 | 609,690 | 1,301,780 | 22,810 | 1'78 | 1,290,375 |
| 1898 | 701,815 | 621,315 | 1,323,130 | 21,350 | 1'64 | 1,312,455 |
| 1899 | 710,520 | 633,560 | 1,344,080 | 20,950 | 1'58 | 1,333,605 |
| 1900 | 718,995 | 645,595 | 1,364,590 | 20,510 | 1'53 | 1,354,335 |
| 1901 | 723,494 | 656,033 | 1,379,527 | 14,937 | 1'09 | 1,367,851 |
| 1902 | 741,234 | 666,385 | 1,407,619 | 28,092 | 2'04 | 1,395,299 |
| 1903 | 755,078 | 676,533 | 1,431,611 | 23,992 | 1'70 | 1,419,734 |
| 1904 | 773,699 | 687,850 | 1,461,549 | 29,938 | 2'09 | 1,446,535 |
| 1905 | 795,133 | 700,874 | 1,496,007 | 34,458 | 2'36 | 1,478,793 |
| 1906 | 816,590 | 714,394 | 1,530,984 | 34,977 | 2'34 | 1,514,390 |
| 1907 | 843,542 | 727,725 | 1,571,267 | 40,283 | 2'63 | 1,554,635 |

The population includes 4,287 Aborigines of full-blood, of whom 2,451 are males, and 1,836 females.

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

| Year. | Marriages. | Births. | | Deaths. | | Excess of Births over Deaths. | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Males. | Females. | Males. | Females. | Numerical. | Per 1,000 of Population. |
| 1897 | 8,813 | 18,989 | 18,258 | 8,314 | 5,950 | 22,983 | 17'81 |
| 1898 | 8,888 | 18,723 | 17,499 | 9,636 | 7,025 | 19,561 | 14'70 |
| 1899 | 9,275 | 18,613 | 17,848 | 9,131 | 6,770 | 20,560 | 15'42 |
| 1900 | 9,996 | 18,964 | 18,182 | 8,951 | 6,167 | 22,028 | 16'26 |
| 1901 | 10,538 | 19,149 | 18,726 | 9,327 | 6,694 | 21,854 | 15'98 |
| 1902 | 10,486 | 19,322 | 18,513 | 9,535 | 7,111 | 21,189 | 15'19 |
| 1903 | 9,759 | 18,377 | 17,589 | 9,428 | 7,069 | 19,469 | 13'71 |
| 1904 | 10,422 | 19,857 | 18,810 | 8,733 | 6,627 | 23,307 | 16'11 |
| 1905 | 10,970 | 20,206 | 19,295 | 8,709 | 6,269 | 24,523 | 16'58 |
| 1906 | 11,551 | 21,066 | 19,882 | 8,715 | 6,260 | 25,973 | 17'15 |
| 1907... .. | 12,189 | 21,616 | 20,579 | 9,429 | 6,981 | 25,785 | 16'59 |
| Oct. to Dec., 1907 ... | 3,039 | 5,611 | 5,327 | 2,492 | 1,829 | 6,617 | ..... |
| „ „ 1906 ... | 2,928 | 5,251 | 5,069 | 2,200 | 1,645 | 6,475 | ..... |

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

| Year. | Arrivals. | | | | | Departures. | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | By Sea. | | By Land. | | Total. | By Sea. | | By Land. | | Total. |
| | Males. | Females | Males. | Females | | Males. | Females | Males. | Females | |
| 1897 | 44,780 | 22,236 | 45,357 | 25,992 | 138,365 | 43,039 | 22,572 | 45,868 | 27,059 | 138,538 |
| 1898 | 49,186 | 26,340 | 44,340 | 25,600 | 145,466 | 46,945 | 24,453 | 45,943 | 26,336 | 143,677 |
| 1899 | 49,960 | 27,674 | 46,358 | 25,625 | 149,617 | 47,817 | 23,746 | 49,278 | 28,386 | 149,227 |
| 1900 | 45,585 | 23,198 | 51,783 | 30,747 | 151,313 | 45,259 | 21,937 | 53,647 | 31,994 | 152,831 |
| 1901 | 50,234 | 25,905 | 55,538 | 31,936 | 163,613 | 44,332 | 25,168 | 66,763 | 34,267 | 170,530 |
| 1902 | 54,942 | 26,249 | 50,855 | 28,604 | 160,650 | 43,433 | 23,967 | 54,411 | 31,936 | 153,747 |
| 1903 | 46,121 | 24,449 | 54,314 | 27,459 | 152,343 | 39,537 | 24,095 | 56,003 | 28,185 | 147,820 |
| 1904 | 48,700 | 24,278 | 54,997 | 28,287 | 156,262 | 39,475 | 24,113 | 56,725 | 29,318 | 149,631 |
| 1905 | 47,872 | 26,298 | 62,991 | 35,143 | 172,304 | 38,586 | 25,096 | 62,340 | 36,347 | 162,369 |
| 1906 | 50,257 | 29,208 | 71,529 | 42,342 | 193,336 | 41,039 | 27,753 | 71,041 | 43,899 | 184,332 |
| 1907 | 63,759 | 34,516 | 91,872 | 48,341 | 238,488 | 50,035 | 31,284 | 90,831 | 51,860 | 223,990 |
| Oct. to Dec., 1907 ... | 16,485 | 8,883 | 24,049 | 12,583 | 62,000 | 13,556 | 8,449 | 27,353 | 15,346 | 64,704 |
| „ 1906 ... | 14,620 | 8,375 | 19,838 | 11,127 | 53,960 | 11,946 | 7,670 | 21,318 | 13,108 | 54,042 |

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

| Year. | Other Australian States. | | United Kingdom. | New Zealand. | Other Countries. | Total. |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| | By Land. | By Sea. | | | | |
| 1900 | 82,530 | 45,962 | 4,857 | 9,770 | 8,194 | 151,313 |
| 1901 | 87,474 | 46,982 | 4,579 | 13,706 | 10,872 | 163,613 |
| 1902 | 79,458 | 46,900 | 4,864 | 13,161 | 16,267 | 160,650 |
| 1903 | 81,773 | 42,529 | 4,249 | 12,868 | 10,924 | 152,343 |
| 1904 | 83,283 | 42,911 | 4,842 | 14,314 | 10,912 | 156,262 |
| 1905 | 98,134 | 44,315 | 4,859 | 15,093 | 9,903 | 172,304 |
| 1906 | 113,871 | 48,294 | 5,641 | 16,525 | 9,005 | 193,336 |
| 1907 | 140,213 | 58,734 | 7,895 | 20,137 | 11,509 | 238,488 |
| Oct. to Dec., 1907 ... | 36,632 | 15,534 | 2,812 | 3,990 | 3,032 | 62,000 |
| „ 1906 ... | 30,965 | 14,234 | 2,263 | 3,704 | 2,794 | 53,960 |

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

| Year. | Other Australian States. | | United Kingdom. | New Zealand. | Other Countries. | Total. |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| | By Land. | By Sea. | | | | |
| 1900 | 85,641 | 42,863 | 5,798 | 9,477 | 9,052 | 152,831 |
| 1901 | 101,030 | 43,426 | 5,221 | 12,159 | 8,694 | 170,530 |
| 1902 | 86,347 | 39,448 | 5,956 | 12,803 | 12,193 | 153,747 |
| 1903 | 84,189 | 34,914 | 5,136 | 13,204 | 10,377 | 147,820 |
| 1904 | 86,043 | 35,888 | 5,837 | 12,782 | 9,081 | 149,631 |
| 1905 | 98,686 | 36,771 | 5,501 | 12,310 | 9,101 | 162,369 |
| 1906 | 115,541 | 39,458 | 4,627 | 15,452 | 9,254 | 184,332 |
| 1907 | 142,691 | 47,098 | 4,996 | 18,045 | 11,160 | 223,990 |
| Oct. to Dec., 1907 ... | 42,699 | 12,744 | 692 | 6,416 | 2,153 | 64,704 |
| „ 1906 ... | 34,426 | 10,856 | 526 | 6,239 | 1,995 | 54,042 |

No. 6.—Principal Causes of Death—1907 and 1906.

| Cause of Death. | Sydney and Suburbs. | | | | New South Wales. | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------|--------|------------------|----------|--------|--------|
| | 1907. | | | 1906. | 1907. | | | 1906. |
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | Total. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Total. |
| General Diseases— | | | | | | | | |
| Typhoid Fever | 37 | 24 | 61 | 63 | 112 | 77 | 189 | 271 |
| Measles | 20 | 28 | 48 | 6 | 38 | 52 | 90 | 17 |
| Scarlet Fever | 6 | 7 | 13 | 24 | 14 | 12 | 26 | 42 |
| Whooping-cough | 102 | 115 | 217 | 3 | 281 | 313 | 594 | 10 |
| Diphtheria and Croup | 24 | 25 | 49 | 37 | 68 | 79 | 147 | 116 |
| Influenza | 20 | 34 | 54 | 23 | 184 | 146 | 330 | 145 |
| Dysentery | 10 | 7 | 17 | 16 | 44 | 36 | 80 | 84 |
| Plague | 8 | 6 | 14 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 19 | 8 |
| Other Epidemic Diseases... .. | 9 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 27 |
| Septicæmia | 8 | 5 | 13 | 11 | 27 | 21 | 48 | 29 |
| Tuberculosis—Lungs | 211 | 207 | 418 | 425 | 555 | 407 | 962 | 1,007 |
| Other Organs | 33 | 36 | 69 | 74 | 86 | 76 | 162 | 183 |
| General | 24 | 27 | 51 | 22 | 59 | 51 | 110 | 62 |
| Syphilis | 7 | 5 | 12 | 38 | 21 | 12 | 33 | 50 |
| Cancer | 280 | 213 | 493 | 481 | 631 | 455 | 1,086 | 1,027 |
| Rheumatism | 6 | 27 | 33 | 34 | 38 | 51 | 89 | 109 |
| Diabetes | 28 | 35 | 63 | 43 | 68 | 72 | 140 | 107 |
| Exophthalmic Goitre | ... | 7 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 11 |
| Anæmia | 17 | 16 | 33 | 25 | 34 | 29 | 63 | 55 |
| Other General Diseases | 23 | 18 | 41 | 64 | 80 | 36 | 110 | 149 |
| Local Diseases— | | | | | | | | |
| Meningitis | 38 | 29 | 67 | 60 | 84 | 69 | 153 | 148 |
| Diseases of Spinal Cord | 3 | 7 | 30 | 31 | 57 | 22 | 79 | 80 |
| Hæmorrhage, &c., of Brain | 141 | 123 | 264 | 215 | 345 | 264 | 609 | 465 |
| General Paralysis | 47 | 5 | 52 | 54 | 64 | 9 | 73 | 60 |
| Convulsions (under 5) | 22 | 26 | 48 | 50 | 114 | 120 | 234 | 216 |
| Other Nervous Diseases | 53 | 46 | 99 | 139 | 188 | 123 | 311 | 380 |
| Endocarditis | 26 | 30 | 56 | 60 | 56 | 49 | 105 | 113 |
| Organic diseases of Heart | 294 | 221 | 515 | 367 | 736 | 542 | 1,278 | 1,048 |
| Other diseases Circulatory System | 48 | 47 | 95 | 114 | 160 | 88 | 248 | 235 |
| Bronchitis | 110 | 113 | 223 | 183 | 363 | 273 | 636 | 478 |
| Pneumonia, Broncho-pneumonia... | 221 | 176 | 397 | 392 | 633 | 414 | 1,047 | 884 |
| Other diseases Respiratory System | 38 | 30 | 68 | 80 | 148 | 74 | 222 | 246 |
| Diseases of Stomach | 28 | 27 | 55 | 61 | 81 | 69 | 150 | 141 |
| Diarrhœa and Enteritis (under 2) | 269 | 216 | 485 | 478 | 595 | 518 | 1,113 | 1,096 |
| " " (over 2) | 40 | 35 | 75 | 100 | 154 | 113 | 267 | 362 |
| Intestinal Obstruction | 22 | 23 | 45 | 46 | 69 | 45 | 114 | 121 |
| Cirrhosis of Liver | 28 | 14 | 42 | 48 | 70 | 28 | 98 | 86 |
| Appendicitis | 37 | 26 | 63 | 56 | 83 | 55 | 138 | 103 |
| Other diseases Digestive System... | 41 | 41 | 82 | 80 | 125 | 113 | 238 | 275 |
| Nephritis | 196 | 131 | 327 | 315 | 389 | 250 | 639 | 616 |
| Other diseases Urinary System ... | 44 | 10 | 54 | 63 | 124 | 23 | 147 | 191 |
| Diseases of Genital Organs | ... | 42 | 42 | 30 | ... | 55 | 55 | 49 |
| Puerperal Condition | ... | 107 | 107 | 113 | ... | 263 | 263 | 277 |
| Diseases of Skin | 19 | 14 | 33 | 29 | 43 | 29 | 72 | 78 |
| Diseases of Bones, &c. | 9 | 10 | 19 | 11 | 17 | 11 | 28 | 34 |
| Congenital Malformations | 24 | 25 | 49 | 48 | 62 | 45 | 107 | 108 |
| Diseases of Infancy | 247 | 206 | 453 | 387 | 662 | 560 | 1,222 | 1,065 |
| Old Age | 120 | 130 | 250 | 263 | 549 | 400 | 949 | 942 |
| Violence— | | | | | | | | |
| Suicide | 33 | 13 | 46 | 62 | 136 | 27 | 163 | 175 |
| Accidents | 169 | 62 | 231 | 185 | 634 | 206 | 840 | 849 |
| Other External Violence | 13 | 7 | 20 | 10 | 28 | 16 | 44 | 25 |
| Not classed (Open Verdict) | 14 | 5 | 19 | 16 | 42 | 8 | 50 | 41 |
| Ill-defined Causes | 69 | 41 | 110 | 142 | 251 | 146 | 397 | 470 |
| Total | 3,356 | 2,882 | 6,238 | 5,703 | 9,429 | 6,981 | 16,410 | 14,975 |

Approximate mean annual death-rate per 1,000 of population—

| | Sydney and Suburbs. | | | | New South Wales. | | | |
|-----------|---------------------|----|----|----|------------------|----|----|----|
| 1902-1906 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1907 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

11.22

11.45

10.81

10.52

No. 7.—Principal Articles Imported, 1907 and 1906.

| Article. | 1907. | | | 1906. | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Australian Produce. | Oversea Produce. | Total. | Interstate. | Oversea. | Total. |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Ale and Beer | 27,660 | 166,158 | 193,818 | 35,763 | 118,229 | 153,992 |
| Animals | 1,735,813 | 60,653 | 1,796,466 | 1,471,482 | 59,621 | 1,531,103 |
| Apparel and Attire | 463,800 | 5,278,242 | 5,742,042 | 362,464 | 889,733 | 1,252,197 |
| Piece Goods | | | | 239,411 | 2,710,081 | 2,949,492 |
| Boots and Shoes | 234,905 | 164,445 | 399,350 | 182,122 | 115,381 | 297,503 |
| Cordage and Twines | 30,220 | 301,587 | 331,807 | 41,668 | 39,611 | 81,279 |
| Drugs and Chemicals | 45,884 | 406,994 | 452,878 | 22,461 | 158,052 | 180,513 |
| Fish—all kinds | 14,437 | 162,379 | 176,816 | 20,914 | 98,577 | 119,491 |
| Fruits—Dried | 98,498 | 65,926 | 164,424 | 365,528 | 105,559 | 471,087 |
| Fresh | 233,390 | 76,018 | 309,408 | | | |
| Furniture | 43,190 | 127,351 | 170,541 | 35,546 | 97,782 | 133,328 |
| Glass and Glassware | 14,789 | 184,571 | 199,360 | 23,649 | 113,189 | 136,838 |
| Gold—Coined and Uncoined | 3,400,846 | 1,053,348 | 4,454,194 | 3,529,330 | 1,586,999 | 5,116,329 |
| Hats and Caps | 62,044 | 263,118 | 325,162 | 74,803 | 151,809 | 226,612 |
| Implements—Agricultural | 92,492 | 135,431 | 227,923 | 172,296 | 79,101 | 251,397 |
| Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c. | 1,826 | 398,358 | 400,184 | 19,271 | 311,445 | 330,716 |
| Galvanized Sheet | | 445,369 | 445,369 | 38,814 | 296,066 | 334,880 |
| Leather | 95,548 | 195,149 | 290,697 | 125,281 | 168,956 | 294,237 |
| Machines and Machinery | 180,541 | 1,518,005 | 1,698,546 | 276,803 | 800,353 | 1,077,156 |
| Metal Manufactures—Free | 103,727 | 752,313 | 856,040 | 78,396 | 780,596 | 858,992 |
| Dutiable | 13,076 | 998,147 | 1,011,223 | 136,854 | 427,747 | 564,601 |
| Oil—Kerosene | | 169,530 | 169,530 | 11,055 | 111,785 | 123,440 |
| Spirits | 46,399 | 504,116 | 550,515 | 74,930 | 330,171 | 405,101 |
| Sugar | 780,854 | 51,497 | 832,351 | 883,235 | 190,466 | 1,073,701 |
| Tea | | 561,204 | 561,204 | 37,435 | 381,069 | 418,504 |
| Timber | 127,952 | 768,396 | 896,348 | 187,332 | 526,413 | 713,745 |
| Tobacco, Cigars, &c. | 115,100 | 390,522 | 505,622 | 141,585 | 258,371 | 399,956 |
| Wool | 1,677,933 | 7,013 | 1,684,946 | 1,469,328 | 1,385 | 1,470,713 |
| Other Articles | 6,604,897 | 7,939,769 | 14,544,666 | 7,003,504 | 6,694,956 | 13,698,460 |
| Total | £16,245,821 | 23,145,609 | 39,391,430 | 17,061,860 | 17,603,503 | 34,665,363 |

NOTE.—The figures for the two years are not quite comparable, as the column "Interstate" in 1906 includes a small amount of oversea produce.

No. 8.—Principal Articles Exported, 1907 and 1906.

| Article. | 1907. | | | | 1906. | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | Quantity. | | Value. | | Value. | |
| | Interstate.* | Oversea.† | Interstate.† | Oversea.† | Interstate. | Oversea. |
| | | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Animals, Living | | 2,272 | 2,326,262 | 68,865 | 2,408,436 | 92,210 |
| Butter lb. | | 18,829,626 | 133,016 | 810,270 | 48,676 | 1,003,423 |
| Coal tons | | 2,644,507 | 970,665 | 1,297,534 | 891,446 | 892,170 |
| Copper, Ingots, & Matte cwt. | | 406,959 | * | 1,623,218 | 5,031 | 1,627,458 |
| Gold—Coined and Uncoined | | | 430,404 | 2,663,224 | 685,772 | 5,932,214 |
| Grain—Wheat cental | | 3,036,812 | 214,465 | 799,902 | 257,265 | 689,918 |
| Flour " | | 778,595 | 188,624 | 319,754 | 177,051 | 285,482 |
| Lead—Pig, and Matte cwt. | | 1,506,694 | * | 1,325,323 | 1,388,945 | 635,621 |
| Leather | | | * | 300,348 | 133,222 | 329,267 |
| Meats—Mutton and Lamb lb. | | 55,831,419 | * | 614,996 | 75,035 | 538,771 |
| Rabbits and Hares prs. | | 6,986,466 | * | 301,115 | 1,704 | 246,803 |
| Oil—Cocoanut cwt. | | 114,955 | * | 195,816 | 4,406 | 151,292 |
| Ores | | | * | 897,071 | 9,070 | 277,959 |
| Silver Bullion, &c. oz. | | 3,402,419 | * | 428,150 | 506,912 | 105,155 |
| Silver-lead Bullion cwt. | | | * | | | 655,011 |
| Silver-lead Ore " | | * | * | * | 94,980 | 446,921 |
| Skins—Hides No. | | 197,239 | 211,880 | 188,010 | 86,975 | 146,393 |
| Sheep | | 3,943,123 | | 502,893 | 90,618 | 403,166 |
| Rabbit and Hare lb. | | 6,981,362 | | 254,741 | 23,669 | 298,532 |
| Other | | | | 286,664 | 4,718 | 415,678 |
| Spelter, Concentrates, &c. cwt. | | * | 360,421 | * | 239,510 | 86,505 |
| Tallow " | | 358,377 | * | 539,976 | 20,930 | 470,023 |
| Timber | | | 39,123 | 334,283 | 41,853 | 352,622 |
| Tin, Ingots cwt. | | 85,281 | * | 727,448 | 1,450 | 700,806 |
| Wool—Greasy and Scoured lb. | | 298,651,930 | 2,632,344 | 16,219,020 | 3,240,935 | 12,302,149 |
| All other Articles | | | 8,122,747 | 2,265,505 | 4,212,541 | 1,901,420 |
| Total | £ | | 15,629,951 | 32,964,126 | 14,651,156 | 30,986,888 |

* Not yet available.

† Information compiled from preliminary returns; may be subject to alterations.

No. 9.—Trade.

| Year. | Imports. | | | Exports. | | |
|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Interstate. | Oversea. | Total. | Interstate. | Oversea. | Total. |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1897 | 8,972,854 | 12,771,496 | 21,744,350 | 7,788,077 | 15,962,995 | 23,751,072 |
| 1898 | 11,721,033 | 12,732,527 | 24,453,560 | 8,162,429 | 19,485,688 | 27,648,117 |
| 1899 | 10,868,437 | 14,725,878 | 25,594,315 | 8,862,274 | 19,583,192 | 28,445,466 |
| 1900 | 10,164,080 | 17,396,991 | 27,561,071 | 9,979,214 | 18,185,302 | 28,164,516 |
| 1901 | 9,368,011 | 17,560,207 | 26,928,218 | 9,140,497 | 18,210,625 | 27,351,122 |
| 1902 | 10,949,675 | 15,024,535 | 25,974,210 | 7,568,922 | 15,975,129 | 23,544,051 |
| 1903 | 12,792,252 | 13,977,917 | 26,770,169 | 7,876,898 | 18,941,161 | 26,818,059 |
| 1904 | 14,152,101 | 13,133,857 | 27,285,958 | 9,918,050 | 23,086,484 | 33,004,534 |
| 1905 | 14,938,885 | 14,485,123 | 29,424,008 | 12,263,472 | 24,518,534 | 36,782,006 |
| 1906 | 17,061,860 | 17,603,503 | 34,665,363 | 14,651,156 | 30,986,888 | 45,638,044 |
| 1907 | 18,454,079 | 20,937,351 | 39,391,430 | 15,629,951 | 32,964,126 | 48,594,077 |

NOTE.—The 1907 figures are preliminary, and subject to revision later.

No. 10.—Trade Comparison—Imports—Monthly.

| Month. | 1908. | | | 1907. | | | Increase. |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Australian Produce. | Oversea Produce. | Total. | Australian Produce. | Oversea Produce. | Total. | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| January | 917,216 | 1,756,542 | 2,673,758 | 1,499,770 | 1,560,746 | 3,060,516 | (—) 386,758 |
| February | 1,182,813 | 1,898,371 | 3,081,184 | 1,213,964 | 1,805,776 | 3,019,740 | 61,444 |
| Total (2 mths) £ | 2,100,029 | 3,654,913 | 5,754,942 | 2,713,734 | 3,366,522 | 6,080,256 | (—) 325,314 |

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 11.—Trade Comparison—Exports—Monthly.

| Month. | 1908. | | | 1907. | | | Increase. |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| | Oversea. | Interstate. | Total. | Oversea. | Interstate. | Total. | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| January | 1,452,638 | 811,008 | 2,263,646 | 3,486,107 | 1,024,953 | 4,511,060 | (—) 2,247,414 |
| February | 3,205,116 | * | ..... | 3,193,924 | 1,031,359 | 4,225,283 | †11,192 |
| Total (2 mths) £ | 4,657,754 | ..... | ..... | 6,680,031 | 2,056,312 | 8,736,343 | (—) 2,022,277† |

* Not yet available.

† Oversea only.

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 12.—Principal Articles Imported during February, and during the two months January and February.

| Article. | 1908. | | | 1907. | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | Australian Produce. | Oversea Produce. | Total. | Australian Produce. | Oversea Produce. | Total. |
| February. | | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Ale and Beer | 2,971 | 12,566 | 15,537 | 3,126 | 14,795 | 17,921 |
| Animals | 43,733 | 1,304 | 45,037 | 89,830 | 4,526 | 94,356 |
| Apparel and Soft Goods | 28,336 | 539,379 | 558,715 | 37,712 | 4,771,8 | 515,430 |
| Boots and Shoes | 18,869 | 14,741 | 33,610 | 12,067 | 12,742 | 24,809 |
| Cordage and Twines ... .. | ..... | 27,988 | 27,988 | 1,831 | 25,199 | 27,030 |
| Drugs and Chemicals ... .. | ..... | 20,449 | 20,449 | 2,254 | 29,905 | 32,159 |
| Fish—all kinds ... .. | ..... | 12,414 | 12,414 | 339 | 42,506 | 42,845 |
| Fruits—Dried | 266 | 1,678 | 1,944 | 3,066 | 3,396 | 6,462 |
| Fresh | 19,061 | 7,696 | 26,757 | 18,807 | 8,407 | 27,214 |
| Furniture ... .. | ..... | 6,886 | 6,886 | 2,438 | 8,415 | 10,853 |
| Glass and Glassware ... .. | ..... | 10,424 | 10,424 | 727 | 20,061 | 20,788 |
| Gold—Coined and Uncoined | 171,022 | 27,730 | 198,758 | 399,501 | 92,916 | 492,417 |
| Grain—Rice ... .. | ..... | 4,536 | 4,536 | ..... | 10,762 | 10,762 |
| Hats and Caps | 6,226 | 14,224 | 20,450 | 6,686 | 18,508 | 25,194 |
| Implements—Agricultural | 9,365 | 11,123 | 20,488 | 8,390 | 7,649 | 16,039 |
| Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c. | 576 | 31,233 | 31,809 | 185 | 35,801 | 35,986 |
| Galvanized Sheet ... .. | ..... | 26,500 | 26,500 | ..... | 48,790 | 48,790 |
| Leather | 8,835 | 9,228 | 18,063 | 8,350 | 13,673 | 22,023 |
| Machines and Machinery | 9,287 | 102,690 | 111,977 | 12,501 | 108,665 | 121,166 |
| Metal Manufactures—Free | 503 | 87,210 | 87,713 | 6,783 | 47,450 | 54,233 |
| Dutiable | 10,640 | 57,830 | 68,470 | 671 | 98,224 | 98,895 |
| Oil—Kerosene ... .. | ..... | 29,009 | 29,009 | ..... | 32,045 | 32,045 |
| Spirits | 2,439 | 37,063 | 39,502 | 3,874 | 46,705 | 50,579 |
| Sugar | 59,631 | 19,638 | 79,269 | 32,066 | 443 | 32,509 |
| Tea ... .. | ..... | 42,501 | 42,501 | ..... | 51,399 | 51,399 |
| Timber | 5,458 | 55,265 | 60,723 | 8,876 | 30,225 | 39,101 |
| Tobacco, Cigars, &c. | 8,598 | 13,725 | 22,323 | 10,991 | 21,541 | 32,532 |
| Wine | 5,243 | 3,944 | 9,187 | 3,207 | 2,107 | 5,314 |
| Wool | 150,813 | 740 | 151,553 | 112,923 | 1,809 | 114,732 |
| Other Articles | 620,941 | 677,651 | 1,298,592 | 426,763 | 489,394 | 916,157 |
| Total | £ 1,182,813 | 1,898,371 | 3,081,184 | 1,213,964 | 1,805,776 | 3,019,740 |
| January and February. | | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Ale and Beer | 4,779 | 30,594 | 35,378 | 5,545 | 30,586 | 36,131 |
| Animals | 65,447 | 5,929 | 71,376 | 130,323 | 7,992 | 138,315 |
| Apparel and Soft Goods | 53,255 | 954,978 | 1,008,233 | 59,953 | 840,138 | 900,091 |
| Boots and Shoes | 24,748 | 25,946 | 50,694 | 18,940 | 24,054 | 42,994 |
| Cordage and Twines | 1,837 | 52,303 | 54,140 | 3,403 | 42,671 | 46,074 |
| Drugs and Chemicals ... .. | ..... | 49,617 | 49,617 | 4,392 | 59,651 | 64,043 |
| Fish—all kinds ... .. | ..... | 48,475 | 48,475 | 694 | 58,284 | 58,978 |
| Fruits—Dried | 619 | 3,229 | 3,848 | 3,841 | 4,990 | 8,831 |
| Fresh | 31,904 | 17,446 | 49,350 | 41,497 | 15,226 | 56,723 |
| Furniture ... .. | ..... | 13,608 | 13,608 | 4,407 | 15,259 | 19,676 |
| Glass and Glassware ... .. | ..... | 22,578 | 22,578 | 1,293 | 30,689 | 31,982 |
| Gold—Coined and Uncoined | 511,386 | 104,186 | 615,572 | 1,111,244 | 169,102 | 1,280,346 |
| Grain—Rice ... .. | ..... | 13,540 | 13,540 | ..... | 17,477 | 17,477 |
| Hats and Caps | 10,545 | 32,194 | 42,739 | 9,296 | 31,522 | 40,818 |
| Implements—Agricultural | 12,184 | 16,155 | 28,339 | 13,616 | 17,960 | 31,576 |
| Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c. | 767 | 57,761 | 58,528 | 343 | 61,101 | 61,444 |
| Galvanized Sheet ... .. | ..... | 50,979 | 50,979 | ..... | 73,517 | 73,517 |
| Leather | 12,461 | 17,560 | 30,021 | 13,938 | 28,665 | 42,603 |
| Machines and Machinery | 17,536 | 208,160 | 225,696 | 24,456 | 209,445 | 233,901 |
| Metal Manufactures—Free | 739 | 89,427 | 90,166 | 6,986 | 119,471 | 126,457 |
| Dutiable | 16,410 | 123,578 | 139,988 | 8,190 | 146,806 | 154,996 |
| Oil—Kerosene ... .. | ..... | 29,237 | 29,237 | ..... | 57,306 | 57,306 |
| Spirits | 3,648 | 49,707 | 53,415 | 6,626 | 87,634 | 94,260 |
| Sugar | 104,620 | 108,302 | 212,922 | 88,306 | 2,550 | 90,856 |
| Tea ... .. | ..... | 96,808 | 96,808 | ..... | 101,946 | 101,946 |
| Timber | 14,009 | 102,960 | 116,969 | 15,344 | 91,840 | 107,184 |
| Tobacco, Cigars, &c. | 13,771 | 20,385 | 34,156 | 18,843 | 47,459 | 66,302 |
| Wine | 8,371 | 8,224 | 16,595 | 7,310 | 6,180 | 13,490 |
| Wool | 192,895 | 1,864 | 194,759 | 255,838 | 2,290 | 258,128 |
| Other Articles | 998,098 | 1,299,118 | 2,297,216 | 859,110 | 964,701 | 1,823,811 |
| Total | £ 2,100,029 | 3,654,913 | 5,754,942 | 2,713,734 | 3,366,522 | 6,080,256 |

No. 13.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea during February, and during the two months—January and February.

| Article. | 1908. | | | | 1907. | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|
| | Quantity. | | Value. | | Quantity. | | Value. | |
| | Australian Produce. | Total. | Australian Produce. | Total. | Australian Produce. | Total. | Australian Produce. | Total. |
| February. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | £ | £ | | | £ | £ |
| Animals—Horses ... No. | 2,199 | 2,199 | 7,369 | 7,369 | 476 | 476 | 12,130 | 12,130 |
| Butter ... lb. | 2,025,260 | 2,025,260 | 109,676 | 109,676 | 3,000,368 | 3,000,368 | 122,692 | 122,692 |
| Coal ... ton | 263,621 | 263,621 | 140,959 | 140,959 | 199,481 | 199,481 | 98,419 | 98,419 |
| Copper, Ingots & Matte cwt. | 23,009 | 33,009 | 93,347 | 93,347 | 31,156 | 31,156 | 158,748 | 158,748 |
| Fruits—Fresh ... cntl. | 2,131 | 2,153 | 1,718 | 1,741 | 1,857 | 2,010 | 1,056 | 1,206 |
| Gold—Coined, Uncoined | ..... | ..... | 191,865 | 191,865 | ..... | ..... | 161,793 | 161,793 |
| Grain—Wheat... cntl. | 18,631 | 18,631 | 6,754 | 6,754 | 957,694 | 957,694 | 248,109 | 248,109 |
| Flour ... " | 22,323 | 22,323 | 10,870 | 10,870 | 59,224 | 59,224 | 21,474 | 21,474 |
| Lead ... cwt. | 99,947 | 99,947 | 62,177 | 62,177 | 72,146 | 72,146 | 67,696 | 67,696 |
| Leather... " | ..... | ..... | 21,938 | 22,275 | ..... | ..... | 27,895 | 31,166 |
| Meats—Beef ... lb. | 83,230 | 83,230 | 1,119 | 1,119 | 306,163 | 306,163 | 3,827 | 3,827 |
| Mutton & Lamb .. | 2,143,274 | 2,143,274 | 18,984 | 18,984 | 3,190,321 | 3,190,321 | 39,049 | 39,049 |
| Rabbits & Hares pair | 296,803 | 296,803 | 11,373 | 11,373 | 319,152 | 319,152 | 13,711 | 13,711 |
| Meat—Preserved ... lb. | 183,028 | 183,430 | 3,497 | 3,523 | 198,408 | 199,094 | 3,786 | 3,812 |
| Oil—Cocanut ... cwt. | 8,088 | 8,088 | 10,974 | 10,974 | 7,178 | 7,178 | 12,920 | 12,920 |
| Ores, Spelter, &c. ... | ..... | ..... | 103,974 | 107,324 | ..... | ..... | 62,376 | 62,386 |
| Silver Bullion ... oz. | 248,653 | 248,653 | 26,757 | 26,757 | 156,610 | 156,610 | 20,527 | 20,527 |
| Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Skins—Hides ... No. | 23,098 | 23,098 | 17,350 | 17,350 | 18,727 | 18,727 | 15,952 | 15,952 |
| Sheep ... " | 124,973 | 124,973 | 10,940 | 10,940 | 298,964 | 298,964 | 35,787 | 35,787 |
| Rabbit & Hare... lb. | 180,747 | 180,747 | 4,576 | 4,576 | 320,463 | 320,463 | 10,553 | 10,553 |
| Other ... | ..... | ..... | 9,293 | 9,293 | ..... | ..... | 15,608 | 15,608 |
| Tallow ... cwt. | 10,064 | 10,064 | 13,821 | 13,821 | 23,461 | 23,561 | 35,487 | 35,612 |
| Timber ... | ..... | ..... | 20,477 | 21,821 | ..... | ..... | 13,105 | 15,289 |
| Pin, Ingots ... cwt. | 4,994 | 4,994 | 31,163 | 31,163 | 4,768 | 4,768 | 44,657 | 44,657 |
| Wine ... gal. | 7,748 | 8,088 | 1,731 | 1,998 | 2,144 | 2,268 | 8,7 | 1,027 |
| Wool ... lb. | 39,164,788 | 39,164,788 | 2,086,483 | 2,086,483 | 35,557,362 | 35,557,362 | 1,817,098 | 1,817,098 |
| Other Articles ... | ..... | ..... | 79,075 | 180,584 | ..... | ..... | 53,521 | 122,676 |
| Total ... £ | ..... | ..... | 3,098,260 | 3,205,116 | ..... | ..... | 3,118,833 | 3,193,924 |
| January and February. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Animals—Horses ... No. | 2,297 | 2,297 | 9,545 | 9,545 | 622 | 622 | 14,532 | 14,532 |
| Butter ... lb. | 6,305,052 | 6,305,052 | 315,032 | 315,032 | 7,143,022 | 7,143,022 | 295,302 | 295,302 |
| Coal ... ton | 486,710 | 486,710 | 253,789 | 253,789 | 347,931 | 347,931 | 169,358 | 169,358 |
| Copper, Ingots & Matte cwt. | 63,864 | 63,864 | 183,908 | 183,908 | 57,559 | 57,559 | 291,540 | 291,540 |
| Fruits—Fresh ... cntl. | 4,154 | 4,869 | 3,000 | 3,743 | 4,196 | 4,654 | 2,543 | 3,025 |
| Gold—Coined, Uncoined | ..... | ..... | 342,301 | 342,301 | ..... | ..... | 350,886 | 350,886 |
| Grain—Wheat... cntl. | 65,829 | 65,829 | 25,106 | 25,106 | 1,945,973 | 1,945,973 | 487,127 | 487,127 |
| Flour ... " | 46,299 | 46,299 | 23,478 | 23,478 | 150,393 | 150,413 | 54,522 | 54,532 |
| Lead ... cwt. | 202,021 | 202,021 | 128,337 | 128,337 | 196,381 | 196,381 | 180,027 | 180,027 |
| Leather... " | ..... | ..... | 44,020 | 44,609 | ..... | ..... | 58,722 | 62,640 |
| Meats—Beef ... lb. | 98,320 | 98,320 | 1,308 | 1,308 | 674,254 | 674,254 | 8,243 | 8,243 |
| Mutton & Lamb .. | 5,049,542 | 5,049,542 | 44,586 | 44,586 | 12,411,578 | 12,411,578 | 157,347 | 157,347 |
| Rabbits & Hares pair | 548,446 | 548,446 | 21,230 | 21,230 | 539,183 | 539,183 | 23,156 | 23,156 |
| Meat—Preserved ... lb. | 627,614 | 628,728 | 11,761 | 11,817 | 275,483 | 276,169 | 5,538 | 5,564 |
| Oil—Cocanut... cwt. | 12,597 | 12,597 | 17,753 | 17,753 | 11,618 | 11,718 | 20,614 | 20,799 |
| Ores, Spelter, &c. ... | ..... | ..... | 131,349 | 134,699 | ..... | ..... | 146,189 | 146,199 |
| Silver Bullion ... oz. | 449,810 | 465,988 | 48,106 | 49,906 | 520,851 | 520,851 | 69,958 | 69,958 |
| Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Skins—Hides ... No. | 34,220 | 34,220 | 25,285 | 25,285 | 27,334 | 27,334 | 24,650 | 24,650 |
| Sheep ... " | 438,686 | 438,686 | 40,349 | 40,349 | 701,888 | 701,888 | 84,780 | 84,780 |
| Rabbit & Hare... lb. | 352,604 | 352,604 | 9,351 | 9,351 | 473,589 | 473,589 | 15,424 | 15,424 |
| Other ... | ..... | ..... | 13,873 | 13,873 | ..... | ..... | 38,638 | 38,638 |
| Tallow ... cwt. | 29,562 | 29,562 | 40,238 | 40,238 | 59,699 | 59,799 | 92,386 | 92,511 |
| Timber ... | ..... | ..... | 42,895 | 45,548 | ..... | ..... | 42,073 | 46,312 |
| Pin, Ingots ... cwt. | 11,407 | 11,407 | 70,083 | 70,083 | 11,960 | 11,960 | 112,116 | 112,116 |
| Wine ... gal. | 14,777 | 14,765 | 3,233 | 3,787 | 3,669 | 3,898 | 1,277 | 1,616 |
| Wool ... lb. | 45,528,261 | 45,528,261 | 2,465,208 | 2,465,208 | 71,555,333 | 71,555,333 | 3,682,987 | 3,682,987 |
| Other Articles ... | ..... | ..... | 150,259 | 332,885 | ..... | ..... | 105,694 | 241,362 |
| Total ... £ | ..... | ..... | 4,165,383 | 4,657,754 | ..... | ..... | 6,535,620 | 6,680,631 |

NOTE.—The difference between the value of Australian produce exported and the total export represents the value of produce of overseas origin re-exported.

No. 14.—Outward Interstate Transfers during January, 1908, and during the twelve months January to December, 1907.

NOTE.—The figures for February, 1908, are not yet available.

| Article. | 1908. | | | 1907. | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------|------------|
| | Australian Produce. | Oversea Produce. | Total. | Australian Produce. | Oversea Produce. | Total. |
| January. | | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Animals—Live | 104,585 | ... | 104,585 | 119,725 | ..... | 119,725 |
| Apparel and Soft Goods | 7,618 | 16,676 | 24,294 | 7,702 | 20,932 | 28,634 |
| Biscuits | 3,401 | 1 | 3,402 | 4,462 | 94 | 4,556 |
| Boots and Shoes—Leather | 7,019 | 1,369 | 8,388 | 5,923 | 1,463 | 7,386 |
| Butter | 2,908 | ... | 2,908 | 1,859 | ..... | 1,859 |
| Cement | 3,039 | 17 | 3,056 | 2,860 | 9 | 2,869 |
| Coal | 80,979 | ..... | 80,979 | 69,361 | ..... | 69,361 |
| Fruits—Fresh | 3,294 | 572 | 3,866 | 4,627 | 1,603 | 6,230 |
| Gold—Coined and Uncoined | 10,006 | ..... | 10,006 | 744 | ..... | 744 |
| Grain—Wheat | 17,485 | ..... | 17,485 | 56,990 | ..... | 56,990 |
| Flour | 18,110 | 15 | 18,125 | 9,794 | 136 | 9,928 |
| Hats and Caps | 1,227 | 1,009 | 2,236 | 1,235 | 2,146 | 3,381 |
| Leather | 6,271 | 7,854 | 14,125 | 4,755 | 4,947 | 9,702 |
| Metal Manufactures—Dutiable | 2,821 | 16,150 | 18,971 | 4,019 | 5,697 | 9,716 |
| Free | 31 | 3,978 | 4,009 | 1,672 | 3,501 | 5,173 |
| Potatoes | 2,337 | ..... | 2,337 | 1,319 | ..... | 1,319 |
| Skins and Hides | 10,212 | 5 | 10,217 | 12,972 | 80 | 13,052 |
| Soap | 4,005 | 2 | 4,007 | 3,519 | ..... | 3,519 |
| Spelter, Concentrates, &c. | 15,555 | ..... | 15,555 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Spirits | 1,034 | 5,732 | 6,766 | 1,253 | 5,747 | 7,000 |
| Sugar | 29,590 | 1,852 | 31,442 | 28,078 | 732 | 28,810 |
| Tea ... .. | ..... | 7,384 | 7,384 | ..... | 8,224 | 8,224 |
| Timber | 3,083 | 410 | 3,493 | 1,151 | 216 | 1,367 |
| Tobacco, Cigars, &c. | 16,258 | 1,259 | 17,517 | 14,030 | 3,053 | 17,083 |
| Wool | 42,544 | ..... | 42,544 | 187,313 | ... | 187,313 |
| Other Articles | 275,692 | 77,610 | 353,311 | 333,208 | 87,798 | 421,006 |
| Total | £ 669,104 | 141,904 | 811,008 | 878,575 | 146,378 | 1,024,953 |
| Year 1907. | | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Animals—Live | 2,323,123 | 3,139 | 2,326,262 | 1,975,690 | 3,440 | 1,979,130 |
| Apparel and Soft Goods | 166,203 | 375,209 | 541,412 | 145,100 | 316,198 | 461,298 |
| Biscuits | 60,833 | 189 | 61,022 | 51,566 | 153 | 51,719 |
| Boots and Shoes—Leather | 149,347 | 23,452 | 172,799 | 126,584 | 16,953 | 143,537 |
| Butter | 133,014 | 2 | 133,016 | 48,659 | 17 | 48,676 |
| Cement | 54,234 | 508 | 54,742 | 33,856 | 414 | 34,270 |
| Coal | 970,665 | ..... | 970,665 | 891,446 | ..... | 891,446 |
| Fruits—Fresh | 125,294 | 8,117 | 133,411 | 119,422 | 12,643 | 132,065 |
| Gold—Coined and Uncoined | 430,404 | ..... | 430,404 | 691,769 | 3 | 691,772 |
| Grain—Wheat | 214,440 | 25 | 214,465 | 257,085 | ..... | 257,085 |
| Flour | 188,166 | 458 | 188,624 | 176,307 | 744 | 177,051 |
| Hats and Caps | 39,733 | 39,219 | 78,952 | 30,889 | 9,031 | 39,920 |
| Leather | 78,207 | 60,852 | 139,059 | 94,719 | 54,462 | 149,181 |
| Metal Manufactures—Dutiable | 76,890 | 67,226 | 144,116 | 55,263 | 55,438 | 110,701 |
| Free | 18,653 | 34,263 | 52,916 | 20,909 | 35,855 | 56,764 |
| Potatoes | 32,696 | ..... | 32,696 | 34,154 | ..... | 34,154 |
| Skins and Hides | 211,643 | 237 | 211,880 | 165,529 | 60 | 165,589 |
| Soap | 49,693 | 43 | 49,736 | 46,239 | 74 | 46,313 |
| Spelter, Concentrates, &c. | 360,408 | 13 | 360,421 | 239,504 | 6 | 239,510 |
| Spirits | 19,364 | 84,545 | 103,909 | 30,624 | 73,159 | 103,783 |
| Sugar | 229,909 | 4,653 | 234,562 | 222,685 | 5,178 | 227,863 |
| Tea ... .. | ..... | 109,680 | 109,680 | ..... | 90,652 | 90,652 |
| Timber | 32,026 | 7,097 | 39,123 | 38,804 | 3,415 | 42,219 |
| Tobacco, Cigars, &c. | 213,929 | 30,610 | 244,539 | 190,466 | 33,016 | 223,482 |
| Wool | 2,632,344 | ..... | 2,632,344 | 3,241,035 | ..... | 3,241,035 |
| Other Articles | 4,474,699 | 1,494,497 | 5,969,196 | 3,327,303 | 1,264,985 | 4,592,288 |
| Total | £ 13,285,917 | 2,344,034 | 15,629,951 | 12,255,607 | 1,975,896 | 14,231,503 |

NOTE.—These figures are preliminary, and do not agree with those in Table 8.

No. 15.—Staple Produce Exported Oversea each Month.

| Month. | Wool. | Wheat and Flour. | Butter. | Gold (coined and uncoined). | Lead and Silver-lead. | Copper. | Coal. |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| 1907. | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| February... .. | 1,817,098 | 269,583 | 122,692 | 163,793 | 67,696 | 158,748 | 98,419 |
| March | 1,889,287 | 139,933 | 148,573 | 205,818 | 170,184 | 128,970 | 65,754 |
| April | 801,336 | 108,443 | 61,474 | 229,009 | 108,137 | 118,760 | 69,964 |
| May | 351,413 | 72,016 | 32,872 | 456,983 | 115,633 | 180,440 | 111,292 |
| June | 401,198 | 52,269 | 3,551 | 431,925 | 111,361 | 167,514 | 135,289 |
| July | 355,256 | 45,779 | 10,926 | 177,833 | 110,417 | 159,571 | 99,875 |
| August | 352,263 | 55,027 | 19,485 | 213,924 | 128,713 | 127,016 | 133,457 |
| September | 1,148,653 | 40,785 | 34,199 | 159,935 | 134,325 | 132,058 | 112,351 |
| October | 2,354,234 | 37,574 | 60,207 | 108,252 | 96,793 | 117,157 | 131,048 |
| November | 2,859,644 | 13,280 | 48,996 | 122,765 | 128,230 | 98,051 | 95,520 |
| December | 2,021,564 | 11,849 | 94,685 | 206,894 | 103,346 | 102,141 | 173,626 |
| 1908. | | | | | | | |
| January | 378,725 | 30,960 | 205,356 | 150,436 | 66,160 | 90,561 | 112,830 |
| February... .. | 2,086,483 | 17,624 | 109,676 | 191,865 | 62,177 | 93,347 | 140,959 |

No. 16.—Shipping.

| Year. | Entered. | | Cleared. | | Tonnage entered. | | Tonnage cleared. | |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Vessels. | Tonnage. | Vessels. | Tonnage. | Steam. | Sailing. | Steam. | Sailing. |
| 1897 | 2,563 | 3,258,461 | 2,652 | 3,358,933 | 2,562,513 | 695,948 | 2,618,385 | 740,548 |
| 1898 | 2,602 | 3,402,629 | 2,653 | 3,400,970 | 2,736,388 | 666,241 | 2,732,516 | 668,454 |
| 1899 | 2,406 | 3,399,349 | 2,523 | 3,468,485 | 2,790,046 | 609,303 | 2,839,578 | 628,907 |
| 1900 | 2,784 | 4,014,755 | 2,714 | 3,855,748 | 3,206,657 | 808,098 | 3,140,449 | 715,299 |
| 1901 | 2,760 | 4,133,200 | 2,853 | 4,274,101 | 3,460,193 | 673,007 | 3,513,265 | 760,836 |
| 1902 | 2,888 | 4,367,739 | 2,835 | 4,325,480 | 3,704,268 | 663,471 | 3,680,850 | 644,630 |
| 1903 | 2,953 | 4,463,648 | 3,007 | 4,466,916 | 3,683,142 | 780,506 | 3,649,600 | 817,316 |
| 1904 | 2,718 | 4,419,179 | 2,767 | 4,460,014 | 3,769,303 | 649,876 | 3,745,584 | 714,430 |
| 1905 | 2,725 | 4,697,511 | 2,694 | 4,684,108 | 4,051,884 | 645,627 | 4,042,703 | 641,405 |
| 1906 | 2,893 | 5,283,719 | 2,883 | 5,275,031 | 4,659,821 | 623,898 | 4,658,235 | 616,796 |
| 1907 | 3,239 | 6,072,723 | 3,207 | 6,014,960 | 5,257,455 | 815,268 | 5,233,426 | 781,534 |
| Jan.-Feb., 1908 | 525 | 996,168 | 539 | 1,024,287 | 894,322 | 101,846 | 905,584 | 118,703 |
| „ 1907 | 466 | 893,419 | 467 | 889,265 | 771,542 | 121,877 | 775,122 | 114,143 |
| Feb., 1908 ... | 253 | 493,981 | 275 | 534,014 | 440,127 | 53,854 | 484,765 | 49,219 |
| „ 1907 ... | 245 | 425,881 | 240 | 424,758 | 351,377 | 74,504 | 356,671 | 68,087 |

No. 17.—Trade with Principal Countries.

| Country. | 1885. | 1890. | 1895. | 1900. | 1905. | 1906. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Imports. | | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Australian States | 7,595,806 | 10,049,648 | 6,758,140 | 10,164,080 | 14,938,885 | 17,061,860 |
| United Kingdom | 11,985,597 | 8,628,007 | 6,420,107 | 9,923,117 | 8,602,288 | 10,047,928 |
| Canada ... .. | ..... | 18,784 | 61,742 | 114,321 | 73,443 | 150,132 |
| Fiji | 192,540 | 99,853 | 27,890 | 60,831 | 43,232 | 55,478 |
| Hongkong | 340,187 | 271,730 | 181,529 | 67,928 | 89,351 | 102,680 |
| India and Ceylon | 134,909 | 239,070 | 306,932 | 601,741 | 717,948 | 848,792 |
| New Zealand | 899,623 | 932,073 | 563,528 | 1,348,605 | 1,369,001 | 2,094,508 |
| South Africa | 290 | 55 | 34 | 1,013 | 5,254 | 3,263 |
| Straits Settlements | 40,913 | 27,148 | 14,074 | 40,391 | 82,830 | 103,636 |
| Other British Possessions ... | 109,850 | 6,685 | 18,820 | 118,929 | 67,167 | 87,570 |
| Total, British Countries... | 21,299,715 | 20,273,053 | 14,352,796 | 22,440,956 | 25,989,399 | 30,555,847 |
| Belgium | 195,318 | 130,819 | 150,288 | 147,661 | 222,994 | 394,805 |
| China | 303,595 | 241,840 | 133,870 | 190,456 | 28,631 | 10,823 |
| France | 345,231 | 117,871 | 76,663 | 270,084 | 138,028 | 118,173 |
| Germany | 372,557 | 639,475 | 425,697 | 1,105,664 | 864,289 | 1,037,771 |
| Italy | 1,311 | 23,961 | 39,563 | 92,732 | 73,757 | 78,706 |
| Japan | 1,242 | 22,040 | 28,179 | 122,041 | 145,257 | 180,519 |
| New Caledonia | 82,181 | 83,920 | 28,345 | 28,509 | 18,399 | 33,667 |
| Philippine Islands | 715 | 4,414 | 15,211 | 49,240 | 27,854 | 39,436 |
| South Sea Islands | 36,929 | 40,214 | 54,436 | 107,488 | 103,142 | 132,732 |
| United States | 1,008,572 | 859,102 | 624,268 | 2,557,961 | 1,636,069 | 1,702,428 |
| Other Foreign Countries ... | 90,095 | 178,295 | 63,099 | 448,279 | 176,189 | 380,456 |
| Total, Foreign Countries | 2,437,746 | 2,341,951 | 1,639,619 | 5,120,115 | 3,434,609 | 4,109,516 |
| Total, All Countries ... | 23,737,461 | 22,615,004 | 15,992,415 | 27,561,071 | 29,424,008 | 34,665,363 |
| Exports. | | | | | | |
| Australian States | 6,567,084 | 10,990,593 | 7,104,812 | 9,979,190 | 12,263,472 | 14,651,156 |
| United Kingdom | 7,293,133 | 6,623,431 | 9,371,418 | 8,273,272 | 10,222,422 | 12,174,155 |
| Canada ... .. | ..... | 10 | 16,804 | 66,403 | 41,520 | 723,308 |
| Fiji | 128,643 | 98,951 | 86,420 | 183,579 | 245,152 | 307,247 |
| Hongkong | 246,032 | 255,050 | 141,976 | 218,986 | 424,460 | 431,748 |
| India and Ceylon | 130,597 | 257,360 | 56,462 | 174,296 | 1,330,189 | 1,546,539 |
| New Zealand | 309,055 | 294,138 | 486,173 | 826,662 | 934,661 | 1,300,126 |
| South Africa ... .. | ..... | 1,014 | 3,266 | 755,487 | 371,727 | 367,009 |
| Straits Settlements | 29,190 | 34,347 | 24,507 | 39,898 | 95,995 | 160,996 |
| Other British Possessions ... | 30,318 | 27,469 | 31,268 | 49,586 | 89,969 | 88,931 |
| Total, British Countries... | 14,794,052 | 18,582,363 | 17,323,106 | 20,567,359 | 26,019,567 | 31,751,215 |
| Belgium | 399,549 | 1,011,846 | 780,826 | 620,349 | 1,787,163 | 3,263,310 |
| China | 21,114 | 1,037 | 7,943 | 68,004 | 318,159 | 97,930 |
| France | 142,104 | 233,924 | 1,436,122 | 1,024,300 | 3,576,246 | 3,179,531 |
| Germany | 29,511 | 404,280 | 1,141,661 | 844,504 | 2,771,396 | 2,294,260 |
| Italy | 1,769 | 24,498 | 63,509 | 61,132 | 176,770 | 128,674 |
| Japan | 2,758 | 7,156 | 54,242 | 133,989 | 377,451 | 633,730 |
| New Caledonia | 153,094 | 193,396 | 17,344 | 179,761 | 135,446 | 122,102 |
| Philippine Islands ... .. | ..... | 16,410 | 18,603 | 88,043 | 183,853 | 234,658 |
| South Sea Islands | 68,854 | 45,290 | 68,713 | 126,834 | 141,381 | 119,333 |
| United States | 985,531 | 1,300,375 | 683,606 | 3,981,242 | 602,145 | 2,063,288 |
| Other Foreign Countries ... | 151,771 | 225,362 | 285,110 | 468,999 | 698,429 | 850,013 |
| Total, Foreign Countries | 1,956,055 | 3,463,574 | 4,611,679 | 7,597,157 | 10,762,439 | 13,886,829 |
| Total, All Countries ... | 16,750,107 | 22,045,937 | 21,934,785 | 28,164,516 | 36,782,006 | 45,638,044 |

No. 18.—Commonwealth Revenue collected in State.

| Year ended 30th June. | Taxation. | | | Posts and Telegraphs. | Other Revenue. | Total. |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | Customs. | Excise. | Total. | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| *1901 | 820,012 | 198,996 | 1,019,008 | 276,936 | 1,019 | 1,296,963 |
| 1902 | 2,324,000 | 488,732 | 2,812,732 | 873,312 | 8,223 | 3,694,267 |
| 1903 | 2,861,710 | 617,032 | 3,478,742 | 906,798 | 5,479 | 4,391,019 |
| 1904 | 2,604,049 | 625,737 | 3,229,786 | 941,529 | 5,075 | 4,176,390 |
| 1905 | 2,390,735 | 642,882 | 3,033,617 | 980,141 | 6,969 | 4,020,727 |
| 1906 | 2,563,552 | 670,370 | 3,233,922 | 1,065,633 | 15,275 | 4,314,830 |
| 1907 | 2,845,786 | 727,527 | 3,573,313 | 1,191,508 | 16,998 | 4,781,819 |
| †Dec., 1907 ... | 1,935,416 | 444,091 | 2,379,507 | 633,660 | 9,768 | 3,022,935 |
| ‡Dec., 1907 ... | 958,675 | 243,433 | 1,202,108 | 331,090 | 5,571 | 1,538,769 |
| „ 1906 | 666,066 | 179,173 | 845,239 | 305,382 | 4,646 | 1,155,267 |

* Half-year ended 30th June.

† Six months ended 31st December

‡ Three months ended 31st December.

No. 19.—Commonwealth Expenditure in State.

| Year ended 30th June. | New Expenditure. | Customs and Excise. | Posts and Telegraphs. | Naval and Military. | Other. | Total. |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------|-----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| *1901 | 47,606 | 29,005 | 262,036 | 70,743 | ..... | 409,390 |
| 1902 | 99,252 | 63,450 | 840,685 | 309,147 | ..... | 1,312,534 |
| 1903 | 114,131 | 70,438 | 890,203 | 268,146 | 10 | 1,342,928 |
| 1904 | 167,043 | 69,188 | 950,107 | 298,757 | ..... | 1,485,095 |
| 1905 | 290,847 | 68,724 | 894,595 | 237,892 | ..... | 1,492,058 |
| 1906 | 187,340 | 73,431 | 984,371 | 327,734 | 25 | 1,572,901 |
| 1907 | 283,145 | 74,801 | 1,049,155 | 349,513 | 378 | 1,756,992 |
| †Dec., 1907 ... | 236,589 | 38,200 | 508,682 | 180,334 | 1 | 963,806 |
| ‡Dec., 1907 ... | 110,102 | 18,937 | 242,627 | 98,195 | ..... | 469,861 |
| „ 1906 | 67,136 | 17,351 | 292,970 | 71,995 | ..... | 419,452 |

* Half-year ended 30th June.

† Six months ended 31st December.

‡ Three months ended 31st December.

No. 20.—Public Debt and Expenditure from Loans.

| Year ended 30th June. | Public Debt at end of Year. | Expenditure from Loans during Year. | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|-----------|
| | | Reproductive Works. | | | Other Works and Services. | Total. |
| | | Railways and Tramways. | Water Supply and Sewerage (including Water Conservation). | Harbours and Rivers (including Resumptions). | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1897 | 61,074,498 | 476,674 | 440,109 | 240,172 | 391,150 | 1,548,105 |
| 1898 | 63,112,720 | 421,885 | 538,622 | 282,421 | 410,215 | 1,653,143 |
| 1899 | 63,762,066 | 589,156 | 579,738 | 370,680 | 486,370 | 2,025,944 |
| 1900 | 65,332,993 | 858,193 | 438,684 | 382,346 | 721,720 | 2,400,943 |
| 1901 | 67,361,246 | 1,085,747 | 532,691 | 505,199 | 661,392 | 2,785,029 |
| 1902 | 71,592,485 | 2,243,672 | 486,205 | 1,698,387 | 510,977 | 4,939,241 |
| 1903 | 77,692,987 | 1,683,755 | 554,581 | 2,017,346 | 457,704 | 4,713,386 |
| 1904 | 80,033,581 | 805,520 | 315,305 | 879,213 | 288,704 | 2,288,742 |
| 1905 | 82,321,998 | 501,710 | 242,770 | 465,712 | 361,065 | 1,571,257 |
| 1906 | 85,641,734 | 529,251 | 365,442 | 256,780 | 215,549 | 1,367,022 |
| 1907 | 85,607,832 | 421,742 | 344,345 | 167,677 | 124,789 | 1,058,553 |

NOTE.—Redemptions of loans are not included in the Expenditure, nor are repayments to credit of votes.

No. 21.—Net Revenue and Receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1899-1900 to 1906-7.

| | 1899-1900. | 1900-1. | 1901-2. | 1902-3. | 1903-4. | 1904-5. | 1905-6. | 1906-7. |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Governmental :— | | | | | | | | |
| Taxation— | | | | | | | | |
| By Commonwealth—Balance of Revenue collected and returned to State | £ 1,508,055 | £ 1,641,563 | 2,385,904 | 3,053,133 | 2,683,417 | 2,529,070 | 2,742,770 | 3,022,351 |
| By State | 881,692 | 1,041,548 | 1,108,770 | 1,108,782 | 1,100,193 | 1,114,408 | 1,297,776 | 1,381,305 |
| | £ 2,389,747 | 2,683,111 | 3,494,674 | 4,161,915 | 3,783,610 | 3,643,478 | 4,040,546 | 4,403,656 |
| Land— | | | | | | | | |
| Alienations | 1,213,661 | 1,226,905 | 1,155,515 | 1,010,246 | 1,030,138 | 937,815 | 976,772 | 1,029,439 |
| Revenue | 894,772 | 835,072 | 841,559 | 791,219 | 827,188 | 820,087 | 753,115 | 851,373 |
| | £ 2,108,433 | 2,061,977 | 1,997,074 | 1,801,465 | 1,857,326 | 1,757,902 | 1,729,887 | 1,880,812 |
| Receipts for Services rendered | £ 317,297 | 344,322 | 375,333 | 351,966 | 373,711 | 358,570 | 372,575 | 330,640 |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | £ 216,280 | 270,546 | 221,666 | 236,127 | 290,550 | 288,020 | 285,479 | 343,851 |
| Total Governmental | £ 5,031,757 | 5,359,956 | 6,088,747 | 6,551,473 | 6,305,197 | 6,047,970 | 6,428,487 | 6,958,959 |
| Business Undertakings by the State :— | | | | | | | | |
| By Railway Commissioners | 3,563,376 | 4,099,085 | 4,324,432 | 4,079,788 | 4,263,744 | 4,527,368 | 5,051,954 | 5,596,428 |
| Sydney Harbour Trust ... .. | ..... | 60,602 | 217,391 | 256,133 | 261,659 | 253,581 | 270,689 | 298,037 |
| Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage ... | 319,849 | 327,214 | 347,710 | 376,221 | 385,793 | 473,562 | 492,195 | 496,794 |
| Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board ... | 30,707 | 27,806 | 29,076 | 32,453 | 31,934 | 34,437 | 39,757 | 42,217 |
| Total Business Undertakings | £ 3,913,932 | 4,514,707 | 4,918,609 | 4,744,595 | 4,943,130 | 5,288,948 | 5,854,595 | 6,433,476 |
| Total | 8,945,689 | 9,874,663 | 11,007,356 | 11,296,068 | 11,248,327 | 11,336,918 | 12,283,082 | 13,392,435 |
| Other Receipts (Advances Repaid, &c.) | 31,609 | 24,612 | 49,112 | 92,830 | 103,868 | 47,753 | 8,285 | 14,108 |
| Grand Total | £ 8,977,298 | 9,899,275 | 11,056,468 | 11,388,898 | 11,352,195 | 11,384,671 | 12,291,367 | 13,406,543 |

* Adjusted amounts for purposes of comparison, Commonwealth transferred services excluded.

No. 22.—Net Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1899-1900 to 1906-7.

| | 1899-1900. | 1900-1. | 1901-2. | 1902-3. | 1903-4. | 1904-5. | 1905-6. | 1906-7. |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Governmental :— | | | | | | | | |
| Interest on Public Debt and on Funds in temporary possession of Govt.* | 620,867 | 580,517 | 737,578 | 895,732 | 831,527 | 883,236 | 938,398 | 907,026 |
| Old-age Pensions and Administration ... .. | ..... | 40 | 453,279 | 553,507 | 531,983 | 518,656 | 510,343 | 515,177 |
| Other Pensions, Retiring Allowances, &c. | 30,835 | 44,629 | 44,299 | 37,589 | †131,096 | †170,909 | †170,685 | †167,947 |
| Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, including Electoral Office | 8,136 | 14,361 | 27,160 | 12,710 | 22,586 | 42,048 | 10,464 | 20,426 |
| Parliamentary Allowances and Postage | 34,002 | 33,303 | 32,694 | 35,014 | 34,746 | 23,210 | 29,129 | 29,503 |
| Endowments and Grants— | | | | | | | | |
| Municipalities, including Municipal Rates on Government Buildings | 28,818 | 29,330 | 55,516 | 43,585 | 45,480 | 21,172 | 17,884 | 66,815 |
| Fire and Water Brigades | 13,522 | 15,633 | 17,517 | 16,785 | 22,354 | 15,790 | 20,052 | 19,457 |
| Miners' Accident Relief and Administration ... .. | ..... | 2,002 | 9,043 | 10,329 | 11,668 | 11,875 | 12,747 | 13,778 |
| Hospitals, Benevolent Societies, Coast Hospital, other Charitable Institutions | 103,995 | 108,214 | 122,521 | 114,948 | 109,779 | 121,568 | 142,934 | 121,856 |
| Fire and Flood Relief | 149 | 1,620 | 132 | 882 | 98 | 5,278 | 220 | 86 |
| Agricultural, Pastoral, and Horticultural Societies | 14,934 | 15,104 | 15,986 | 13,071 | 11,410 | 14,363 | 8,936 | 17,390 |
| Public Charities, including Government Asylums, State Children, Aborigines, and Maintenance of Paupers | 157,134 | 130,388 | 159,703 | 167,587 | 166,148 | 154,364 | 149,339 | 144,933 |
| Lunacy, including Master in Lunacy | 110,705 | 114,568 | 125,436 | 147,238 | 138,847 | 128,062 | 135,367 | 135,728 |
| Public Instruction, including Reformatories and Grants to Educational and Scientific Institutions | 773,653 | 789,206 | 874,692 | 904,142 | 912,621 | 915,586 | 937,840 | 943,638 |
| Public Works, including Establishment | 839,940 | 983,851 | 1,022,963 | 924,881 | 770,240 | 693,657 | 788,522 | 637,582 |
| Labour and Industry, including Unemployed | 9,661 | 3,182 | 13,220 | 17,414 | 21,355 | 11,087 | 12,821 | 7,856 |
| Local Government Endowments, &c. ... .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 126,583 |
| Extraordinary Services— | | | | | | | | |
| Bubonic Plague | 84,451 | 92,065 | 5,235 | 23,094 | 5,144 | 3,456 | 2,094 | 2,641 |
| Military and Naval Contingents—South Africa and China | 157,985 | 225,458 | 49,472 | 10,847 | 1,264 | 194 | 1,079 | 24,284 |
| Federal Celebrations and Royal Receptions ... .. | ..... | 121,528 | 21,477 | 514 | 1,981 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| All other Services of the State under Public Departments | 1,805,465 | 1,932,017 | 1,961,519 | 1,952,191 | 1,913,964 | 1,841,543 | 1,816,518 | 1,899,999 |
| Total—Governmental | £ 4,794,252 | 5,243,316 | 5,749,442 | 5,882,062 | 5,684,291 | 5,576,054 | 5,705,372 | 5,802,705 |
| Business Undertakings by the State :— | | | | | | | | |
| By Railway Commissioners, Sydney Harbour Trust, Metropolitan and Hunter District Boards of Water Supply and Sewerage— | | | | | | | | |
| Working Expenses | 2,197,999 | 2,586,475 | 3,002,680 | 3,169,470 | 3,132,636 | 3,131,826 | 3,184,816 | 3,444,243 |
| Interest on Capitals | †1,788,948 | †1,892,780 | †1,981,501 | †2,046,289 | †2,133,548 | 2,167,782 | 2,136,660 | 2,229,708 |
| Total Business Undertakings | £ 3,986,947 | 4,479,255 | 4,984,181 | 5,215,759 | 5,266,184 | 5,299,608 | 5,321,476 | 5,673,951 |
| Sinking Fund Instalments | 264,561 | 269,412 | 274,550 | 369,413 | 369,413 | 319,413 | 360,016 | 405,090 |
| Public Works Fund—Transfers in aid ... .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 718,051 |
| Closer Settlement Fund—Transfers in aid .. .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 200,000 |
| Total | £ 9,045,760 | 9,991,983 | 11,008,173 | 11,467,234 | 11,319,888 | 11,195,075 | 11,386,864 | 12,799,797 |
| Advances made | 30,319 | 77,221 | 132,889 | 169,239 | 72,015 | 2,423 | 8,378 | 31,526 |
| Grand Total | £ 9,076,079 | 10,069,204 | 11,141,062 | 11,636,473 | 11,391,903 | 11,197,498 | 11,395,242 | 12,831,323 |

* Excludes proportion chargeable to the four corporate bodies. † Includes pensions under Public Service (Superannuation) Act, No. 8 of 1903, 4 per cent. deductions from salaries being paid to Revenue. ‡ For years 1899-1900 to 1903-4, figures for interest on capitals are approximate only, as the capital debt of the four corporate bodies was not definitely settled.

No. 23.—Banks of Issue—Liabilities.

(Thirteen Banks.*)

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

| Quarter ended 31st December. | Notes in Circulation. | Bills in Circulation. | Deposits. | | | Balances due to other Banks. | Total Liabilities. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | Not bearing Interest. | Bearing Interest. | Total. | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1896 | 1,237,971 | 111,889 | 10,707,611 | 19,128,305 | 29,835,916 | 69,000 | 31,254,776 |
| 1897 | 1,227,964 | 112,113 | 10,582,621 | 19,024,114 | 29,606,735 | 79,711 | 31,026,523 |
| 1898 | 1,278,940 | 125,414 | 10,812,215 | 19,040,496 | 29,852,711 | 54,228 | 31,311,293 |
| 1899 | 1,340,557 | 202,468 | 11,779,918 | 19,648,107 | 31,428,025 | 84,009 | 33,055,059 |
| 1900 | 1,447,641 | 209,095 | 12,224,510 | 20,009,081 | 32,233,591 | 78,594 | 33,969,731 |
| 1901 | 1,499,937 | 218,943 | 12,841,599 | 20,416,857 | 33,258,456 | 100,496 | 35,077,832 |
| 1902 | 1,454,415 | 208,521 | 12,587,097 | 20,472,785 | 33,059,882 | 207,610 | 34,930,428 |
| 1903 | 1,378,642 | 228,059 | 12,591,637 | 19,986,224 | 32,577,861 | 65,979 | 34,250,541 |
| 1904 | 1,345,934 | 196,995 | 12,642,715 | 20,638,560 | 33,281,275 | 77,028 | 34,901,232 |
| 1905 | 1,430,335 | 218,555 | 14,859,427 | 22,211,627 | 37,071,054 | 140,118 | 38,860,062 |
| 1906 | 1,564,670 | 313,946 | 16,834,600 | 22,585,802 | 39,420,492 | 117,629 | 41,416,737 |
| 1907 | 1,756,696 | 263,018 | 18,729,709 | 24,034,857 | 42,764,566 | 153,186 | 44,937,466 |
| 31 March, 1907 ... | 1,663,162 | 306,160 | 19,034,018 | 22,757,349 | 41,791,367 | 102,038 | 43,862,727 |
| 30 June, „ ... | 1,684,746 | 272,347 | 18,704,401 | 23,392,858 | 42,097,259 | 83,826 | 44,138,178 |
| 30 Sept., „ ... | 1,668,290 | 242,853 | 17,846,274 | 23,747,866 | 41,594,140 | 98,670 | 43,603,953 |

No. 24.—Banks of Issue—Assets.

(Thirteen Banks.*)

| Quarter ended 31st December. | Coin. | Bullion. | Landed Property. | Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks. | Notes and Bills of other Banks. | Balances due from other Banks. | Total Assets. |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|--|--|---|-------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1896 | 6,760,851 | 187,845 | 1,914,483 | 35,116,696 | 223,487 | 324,466 | 44,527,828 |
| 1897 | 5,766,554 | 175,937 | 1,816,691 | 35,697,494 | 227,427 | 297,519 | 43,980,722 |
| 1898 | 5,564,870 | 200,310 | 1,812,804 | 34,403,700 | 250,997 | 399,543 | 42,638,224 |
| 1899 | 5,865,622 | 217,136 | 1,819,359 | 33,688,862 | 287,030 | 316,652 | 42,194,661 |
| 1900 | 5,933,076 | 193,050 | 1,874,099 | 34,385,388 | 246,998 | 403,816 | 43,036,427 |
| 1901 | 5,814,180 | 171,545 | 1,744,664 | 35,068,787 | 259,202 | 379,181 | 43,437,559 |
| 1902 | 6,329,551 | 223,172 | 1,789,902 | 34,654,744 | 287,025 | 346,097 | 43,630,491 |
| 1903 | 5,824,539 | 226,307 | 1,804,956 | 34,686,452 | 304,418 | 318,904 | 43,165,576 |
| 1904 | 6,175,911 | 276,446 | 1,808,266 | 32,798,708 | 283,002 | 264,615 | 41,606,948 |
| 1905 | 8,624,083 | 199,177 | 1,799,231 | 32,447,659 | 326,750 | 297,237 | 43,694,137 |
| 1906 | 7,247,347 | 260,016 | 1,819,417 | 34,415,596 | 335,979 | 379,602 | 44,457,957 |
| 1907 | 9,342,631 | 209,454 | 1,746,940 | 37,244,216 | 359,038 | 443,636 | 49,345,915 |
| 31 March, 1907 ... | 8,552,808 | 226,354 | 1,783,913 | 34,032,294 | 350,903 | 506,399 | 45,452,671 |
| 30 June, „ ... | 8,966,445 | 162,008 | 1,777,304 | 34,477,917 | 340,606 | 497,728 | 46,222,008 |
| 30 Sept., „ ... | 8,961,077 | 135,413 | 1,763,041 | 36,153,395 | 348,907 | 490,049 | 47,851,882 |

* From June, 1907, the returns of fourteen banks are shown, the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris being included.

No. 25.—Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

| Year. | Amount. | Year. | Amount. |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | | £ |
| 1896 | 116,962,784 | 1902 | 178,637,708 |
| 1897 | 121,645,873 | 1903 | 180,961,406 |
| 1898 | 126,978,018 | 1904 | 177,797,335 |
| 1899 | 146,188,144 | 1905 | 189,826,381 |
| 1900 | 144,080,314 | 1906 | 220,860,512 |
| 1901 | 167,676,707 | 1907 | 234,169,822 |
| Total, 1st January to 2nd March, 1908 | | £38,806,753 | |
| „ „ „ 4th „ 1907 | | £45,098,030 | |

No. 26.—Savings Banks.

| Year. (31st December.) | Number of Depositors. | Value of Deposits. | Increase in Deposits during Year. | Amount Deposited. | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | Per Depositor. | Per Inhabitant. |
| | No. | £ | £ | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 1896 | 213,608 | 8,522,623 | 449,048 | 39 18 0 | 6 13 3 |
| 1897 | 227,629 | 9,136,793 | 614,170 | 40 2 9 | 7 0 5 |
| 1898 | 242,365 | 9,480,944 | 344,151 | 39 2 4 | 7 3 4 |
| 1899 | 260,826 | 10,069,434 | 588,490 | 38 12 1 | 7 9 10 |
| 1900 | 282,643 | 10,901,382 | 831,948 | 38 11 5 | 7 19 9 |
| 1901 | 306,311 | 11,808,710 | 607,328 | 38 11 0 | 8 11 4 |
| 1902 | 323,212 | 12,425,464 | 616,754 | 38 8 10 | 8 16 6 |
| 1903 | 331,956 | 12,344,623 | (—) 80,841 | 37 3 9 | 8 12 5 |
| 1904 | 339,602 | 12,747,735 | 399,112 | 37 10 6 | 8 14 5 |
| 1905 | 355,714 | 13,498,252 | 754,517 | 37 18 11 | 9 0 5 |
| 1906 | 392,050 | 15,320,532 | 1,822,280 | 39 1 7 | 10 0 2 |
| 30 June, 1907 ... | 408,859 | 16,335,051 | * 1,017,519 | 39 19 3 | 10 10 1 |

(—) Denotes decrease.

* Increase during six months.

No. 27.—Life Assurance.—Business in force (exclusive of Industrial).

NOTE.—This Table refers to all offices doing business in New South Wales.

| Year. | Number of Policies. | Assurances. | | | Annual Premium Income. |
|-------------|------------------------|--|------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| | | Sums Assured (exclusive of Bonuses). | Bonus Additions. | Total. | |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1896 | 280,113 | 80,587,515 | 9,475,207 | 90,062,722 | 2,714,808 |
| 1897 | 290,112 | 82,216,900 | 9,721,036 | 91,937,936 | 2,769,612 |
| 1898 | 306,916 | 85,630,767 | 11,093,343 | 96,724,110 | 2,903,218 |
| 1899 | 327,618 | 89,996,612 | 10,533,800 | 100,530,412 | 3,037,142 |
| 1900 | 349,485 | 93,888,153 | 11,190,189 | 105,078,342 | 3,168,898 |
| 1901 | 372,823 | 98,168,271 | 11,510,243 | 109,678,514 | 3,327,803 |
| 1902 | 392,369 | 102,006,915 | 11,507,608 | 113,514,523 | 3,467,718 |
| 1903 | 418,745 | 107,786,226 | 12,585,828 | 120,372,054 | 3,677,680 |
| 1904 | 440,005 | 112,357,451 | 13,418,599 | 125,776,050 | 3,845,577 |
| 1905 | 459,675 | 116,115,582 | 13,846,138 | 129,961,720 | 3,982,421 |
| 1906 | 445,156 | 107,711,543 | 13,962,278 | 121,673,821 | 3,698,031 |

The figures for 1906 represent Australasian business only; prior to that year the whole business of the Institutions, wherever carried on, is included.

No. 28.—Life Assurance.—Assets and Liabilities.

NOTE.—This table refers only to Australasian offices doing business in New South Wales.

| Year. | Assets. | | | Liabilities. | | |
|-------------|--|---|------------|---|---|------------|
| | Loans on Mortgages and Policies. | Government and Municipal Securities, Freehold Property, Cash on Deposit, &c. | Total. | Assurance, Endowment, and Annuity Funds. | Paid-up Capital, Reserve Funds, &c. | Total. |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1896 | 16,597,379 | 5,736,667 | 22,334,046 | 21,399,835 | 934,211 | 22,334,046 |
| 1897 | 17,360,627 | 6,036,232 | 23,396,859 | 22,537,196 | 859,663 | 23,396,859 |
| 1898 | 17,038,041 | 7,484,151 | 24,522,192 | 23,654,709 | 867,483 | 24,522,192 |
| 1899 | 18,272,621 | 7,777,844 | 26,050,465 | 25,130,924 | 919,541 | 26,050,465 |
| 1900 | 19,013,579 | 8,457,644 | 27,471,223 | 26,491,025 | 980,198 | 27,471,223 |
| 1901 | 19,048,449 | 9,891,691 | 28,940,140 | 27,932,313 | 1,007,827 | 28,940,140 |
| 1902 | 19,680,288 | 10,910,198 | 30,590,486 | 29,518,852 | 1,071,634 | 30,598,486 |
| 1903 | 20,599,387 | 11,609,060 | 32,208,447 | 31,160,834 | 1,047,613 | 32,208,447 |
| 1904 | 21,739,875 | 12,501,434 | 34,241,309 | 33,264,382 | 976,927 | 34,241,309 |
| 1905 | 22,072,061 | 13,795,301 | 35,867,362 | 34,915,842 | 951,520 | 35,867,362 |
| 1906 | 24,379,196 | 12,556,320 | 36,935,516 | 35,338,435 | 1,597,081 | 36,935,516 |

No. 29.—Area under Crop.

| Year ended 31st March. | | | Wheat. | Maize. | Oats. | Sugar-cane (area cut). | Hay. | Vines. Wine-making. | All Crops. * |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----------|---------|--------|---------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | acres. | acres. | acres. | acres. | acres. | acres. | acres. |
| 1897 | ... | ... | 866,112 | 211,382 | 39,530 | 18,194 | 327,209 | 4,608 | 1,659,717 |
| 1898 | ... | ... | 993,350 | 209,588 | 28,605 | 12,936 | 401,073 | 4,490 | 1,821,829 |
| 1899 | ... | ... | 1,319,503 | 193,286 | 19,874 | 14,578 | 461,784 | 4,573 | 2,204,500 |
| 1900 | ... | ... | 1,426,166 | 214,697 | 29,125 | 9,435 | 554,048 | 4,602 | 2,439,639 |
| 1901 | ... | ... | 1,530,609 | 206,051 | 29,383 | 10,472 | 466,236 | 4,534 | 2,445,564 |
| 1902 | ... | ... | 1,392,070 | 167,333 | 32,245 | 8,790 | 442,163 | 4,889 | 2,276,528 |
| 1903 | ... | ... | 1,279,760 | 202,437 | 42,992 | 8,899 | 491,918 | 5,041 | 2,245,839 |
| 1904 | ... | ... | 1,561,111 | 226,834 | 51,621 | 10,405 | 496,017 | 5,101 | 2,542,919 |
| 1905 | ... | ... | 1,775,955 | 193,614 | 40,471 | 9,772 | 435,704 | 5,298 | 2,672,973 |
| 1906 | ... | ... | 1,939,447 | 189,353 | 38,543 | 10,313 | 438,036 | 5,279 | 2,838,081 |
| 1907 | ... | ... | 1,866,253 | 174,115 | 50,431 | 10,378 | 458,072 | 4,951 | 2,824,211 |

SEASON 1907-8.—The area of wheat estimated to be cut for grain during the season ending 31st March, 1908, is 1,399,930 acres, and for hay 371,120 acres. The production is estimated at 8,686,500 bushels and 189,400 tons respectively.

* The figures in this column are exclusive of areas double-cropped.

No. 30.—Production of Crops.

| Year ended 31st March. | | | Wheat. | Maize. | Oats. | Sugar-cane. | Hay. | Wine. | Total value of Agricultural Production. |
|------------------------|-----|-----|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------|-----------|--|
| | | | bushels. | bushels. | bushels. | tons. | tons. | gallons. | £ |
| 1897 | ... | ... | 8,853,445 | 5,754,217 | 834,633 | 320,276 | 334,902 | 794,256 | 5,373,614 |
| 1898 | ... | ... | 10,560,111 | 6,713,060 | 543,946 | 269,068 | 405,353 | 864,514 | 6,249,677 |
| 1899 | ... | ... | 9,276,216 | 6,064,842 | 278,007 | 289,206 | 334,297 | 845,232 | 4,874,696 |
| 1900 | ... | ... | 13,604,166 | 5,976,022 | 627,904 | 170,500 | 546,850 | 739,668 | 5,609,437 |
| 1901 | ... | ... | 16,173,771 | 6,292,745 | 593,548 | 199,118 | 526,260 | 891,190 | 5,855,674 |
| 1902 | ... | ... | 14,808,705 | 3,844,993 | 687,179 | 187,711 | 472,621 | 868,479 | 7,060,203 |
| 1903 | ... | ... | 1,585,097 | 3,049,269 | 351,758 | 183,105 | 243,379 | 806,140 | 4,138,627 |
| 1904 | ... | ... | 27,334,141 | 6,836,740 | 1,252,156 | 227,511 | 816,810 | 1,086,820 | 8,358,924 |
| 1905 | ... | ... | 16,464,415 | 4,951,132 | 652,646 | 199,640 | 366,293 | 928,160 | 5,413,710 |
| 1906 | ... | ... | 20,737,200 | 5,539,750 | 883,081 | 201,998 | 459,182 | 831,700 | 6,543,050 |
| 1907 | ... | ... | 21,817,938 | 5,763,000 | 1,404,554 | 221,560 | 621,846 | 1,140,000 | 7,517,550 |

No. 31.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

| Year ended 31st March. | | | Wheat. | Maize. | Oats. | Sugar-cane. | Hay. | Wine. | Value per acre. |
|------------------------|-----|-----|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------|----------|--------------------|
| | | | bushels. | bushels. | bushels. | tons. | tons. | gallons. | £ s. d. |
| 1897 | ... | ... | 10.2 | 27.2 | 21.1 | 17.6 | 1.0 | 172 | 3 4 9 |
| 1898 | ... | ... | 10.6 | 32.0 | 19.0 | 20.8 | 1.0 | 193 | 3 8 7 |
| 1899 | ... | ... | 7.0 | 31.4 | 14.0 | 19.8 | 0.7 | 185 | 2 4 3 |
| 1900 | ... | ... | 9.5 | 27.8 | 21.6 | 18.1 | 1.0 | 160 | 2 6 0 |
| 1901 | ... | ... | 10.6 | 30.5 | 20.2 | 19.0 | 1.1 | 197 | 2 8 0 |
| 1902 | ... | ... | 10.6 | 22.9 | 21.3 | 21.4 | 1.1 | 178 | 3 2 0 |
| 1903 | ... | ... | 1.2 | 15.1 | 8.2 | 20.9 | 0.5 | 160 | 1 16 10 |
| 1904 | ... | ... | 17.5 | 30.1 | 24.3 | 21.9 | 1.6 | 213 | 3 5 9 |
| 1905 | ... | ... | 9.3 | 25.6 | 16.1 | 20.4 | 0.8 | 175 | 2 0 6 |
| 1906 | ... | ... | 10.7 | 29.3 | 22.9 | 19.6 | 1.0 | 157 | 2 6 1 |
| Mean for 10 years | | | 10.0 | 27.3 | 19.0 | 19.8 | 1.0 | 179 | 2 11 5 |
| 1907 | ... | ... | 11.7 | 33.1 | 24.9 | 21.3 | 1.4 | 230 | 2 13 3 |

No. 32.—Live Stock.

| Year ended 31st December. | Horses. | Cattle. | | Sheep. | Pigs. |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------|------------|------------|---------|
| | | Dairy Cows. | All other. | | |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1896 | 510,636 | 400,183 | 1,825,980 | 48,318,790 | 214,581 |
| 1897 | 498,034 | 409,098 | 1,673,598 | 43,952,897 | 207,738 |
| 1898 | 491,553 | 416,053 | 1,613,463 | 41,241,004 | 247,061 |
| 1899 | 482,200 | 399,327 | 1,567,754 | 36,213,514 | 239,973 |
| 1900 | 481,417 | 420,148 | 1,562,968 | 40,020,506 | 256,577 |
| 1901 | 486,716 | 417,835 | 1,629,619 | 41,857,099 | 265,730 |
| 1902 | 450,125 | 351,287 | 1,389,939 | 26,649,424 | 193,097 |
| 1903 | 458,014 | 523,438 | 1,357,140 | 28,656,501 | 221,592 |
| 1904 | 482,663 | 591,936 | 1,557,193 | 34,526,894 | 330,666 |
| 1905 | 506,884 | 644,164 | 1,693,809 | 39,566,764 | 310,702 |
| 1906 | 537,762 | 713,049 | 1,836,895 | 44,132,421 | 243,370 |

NOTE.—Up to 1902 the figures include only the cows actually in milk at the time the returns were taken. The figures for subsequent years are made up as follows:—

| Year. | Milch Cows. | Cows at present dry. | Heifers within 3 months of calving. | Total Dairy Cows. |
|------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1903 | 562,429 | 117,679 | 43,330 | 523,438 |
| 1904 | 424,936 | 131,595 | 35,405 | 591,936 |
| 1905 | 442,950 | 154,655 | 46,559 | 644,164 |
| 1906 | 494,820 | 172,888 | 45,341 | 713,049 |

No. 33.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

| Year. | Wool (as in the grease). | Tallow. | Butter. | Cheese. | Bacon and Hams. |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| | lb. | cwt. | lb. | lb. | lb. |
| 1896 | 320,267,000 | 570,983 | 25,874,277 | 4,019,844 | 5,303,763 |
| 1897 | 303,315,000 | 656,973 | 29,409,966 | 3,937,168 | 6,544,781 |
| 1898 | 292,165,000 | 466,102 | 31,483,601 | 3,245,312 | 7,184,058 |
| 1899 | 254,833,000 | 389,838 | 33,033,881 | 2,385,987 | 6,831,943 |
| 1900 | 237,660,000 | 444,429 | 41,479,794 | 3,558,823 | 10,863,125 |
| 1901 | 310,075,000 | 450,713 | 39,056,878 | 3,838,835 | 11,080,891 |
| 1902 | 217,411,000 | 251,188 | 29,950,977 | 4,148,038 | 8,995,856 |
| 1903 | 227,004,000 | 235,198 | 38,727,107 | 4,748,176 | 7,864,771 |
| 1904 | 250,941,000 | 353,082 | 53,591,243 | 4,223,621 | 10,680,532 |
| 1905 | 297,154,000 | 495,157 | 53,040,250 | 4,625,980 | 11,652,440 |
| 1906 | 325,441,000 | 487,911 | 58,888,000 | 5,389,000 | 11,843,000 |

No. 34.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, based on London prices of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of 1901 are adopted as basis, and called 1,000.

| Period. | General Index— all articles. | Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c. | Index of Metals—Silver, Lead, Copper, Tin. |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| 1901—average of year | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 1906 " " | 1,277 | 1,316 | 1,432 |
| 1907 " " | 1,343 | 1,354 | 1,461 |
| February, 1902 | 1,010 | 988 | 956 |
| " 1903 | 1,085 | 1,171 | 982 |
| " 1904 | 1,053 | 1,097 | 982 |
| " 1905 | 1,073 | 1,071 | 1,061 |
| " 1906 | 1,243 | 1,310 | 1,328 |
| " 1907 | 1,377 | 1,418 | 1,619 |
| September, 1907 | 1,327 | 1,294 | 1,419 |
| October " | 1,309 | 1,265 | 1,308 |
| November " | 1,271 | 1,246 | 1,205 |
| December " | 1,207 | 1,246 | 1,085 |
| January, 1908 | 1,222 | 1,240 | 1,087 |
| February, 1908 | 1,213 | 1,202 | 1,081 |

No. 35.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

| Month. | Wheat. | Flour. | Butter. | | Wool. | | Tallow. |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | | | Top. | Bottom. | Greasy. | Scoured. | |
| | per qr. s. d. | per ton. £ s. d. | per cwt. s. | per cwt. s. | per lb. d. | per lb. s. d. | per cwt. s. d. |
| February, 1907 ... | 30 9 | 7 16 0 | 101 | 96 | 12½ | 1 9 | 36 0 |
| March, " ... | 30 9 | 7 15 0 | 100 | 97 | 12½ | 1 10 | 37 6 |
| April, " ... | 31 3 | 7 17 0 | 98 | 91 | 12½ | 1 10 | 37 6 |
| May, " ... | 32 9 | 8 10 0 | 97 | 90 | 12½ | 1 10 | 37 6 |
| June, " ... | 34 6 | 8 11 6 | 96 | 91 | 12½ | 1 10 | 33 6 |
| July, " ... | 35 3 | 8 16 0 | 97 | 93 | 12½ | 1 10 | 34 0 |
| August, " ... | 35 0 | 9 2 0 | 100 | 95 | 12½ | 1 10 | 35 0 |
| September, " ... | 40 0 | 9 13 0 | 98 | 96 | 12½ | 1 10 | 35 0 |
| October, " ... | 42 9 | 10 7 0 | 119 | 112 | 12½ | 1 10 | 34 4 |
| November, " ... | 44 0 | 10 12 0 | 119 | 112 | 13 | 1 11 | 34 1 |
| December, " ... | 45 0 | 10 11 6 | 120 | 114 | 13 | 1 11 | 33 2 |
| January, 1908 ... | 43 6 | 10 13 0 | 122 | 115 | 13½ | 1 9½ | 33 0 |
| February, " ... | 38 9 | 10 5 0 | 136 | 126 | 12½ | 1 8½ | 32 6 |

No. 36.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

| Month. | Wheat (Milling). | Flour. | Bran. | Pollard. | Oats. | Maize. |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | per bushel. s. d. | per ton. £ s. d. | per bushel. d. | per bushel. d. | per bushel. s. d. | per bushel. s. d. |
| February, 1907 ... | 3 0½ | 7 3 0 | 8½ | 8½ | 2 7 | 2 5½ |
| March, " ... | 3 1½ | 7 5 0 | 8½ | 8½ | 2 5 | 2 6 |
| April, " ... | 3 2½ | 7 5 0 | 9½ | 9½ | 2 7 | 2 8½ |
| May, " ... | 3 8½ | 8 0 0 | 11½ | 11½ | 2 9½ | 3 1 |
| June, " ... | 3 8 | 8 13 6 | 11½ | 11½ | 2 9½ | 2 9½ |
| July, " ... | 3 11½ | 9 0 0 | 10½ | 10½ | 2 10 | 2 9½ |
| August, " ... | 3 11 | 8 19 0 | 9½ | 10½ | 2 10 | 2 9 |
| September, " ... | 4 2½ | 9 10 6 | 11½ | 11½ | 2 9½ | 3 1½ |
| October, " ... | 5 1½ | 10 12 6 | 16½ | 16½ | 3 4 | 4 4½ |
| November, " ... | 4 11½ | 11 7 6 | 15 | 15 | 3 5½ | 4 6½ |
| December, " ... | 4 5 | 10 2 6 | 14½ | 15 | 3 3 | 4 10½ |
| January, 1908 ... | 4 6 | 10 9 6 | 15½ | 15½ | 3 2½ | 5 0 |
| February, " ... | 4 4 | 9 16 0 | 14 | 15½ | 3 2½ | 4 8 |

| | Hay (Oaten). | Butter (Best Brands). | Cheese (Loaf). | Bacon (Sides). | Lard (Bulk). | Eggs. |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | per ton. £ s. d. | per lb. d. | per lb. d. | per lb. d. | per lb. d. | per doz. d. |
| February, 1907 ... | 3 6 0 | 9½ | 5½ | 7½ | 4½ | 10½ |
| March, " ... | 3 3 3 | 9½ | 5½ | 8½ | 4½ | 13½ |
| April, " ... | 3 0 0 | 9½ | 5½ | 8½ | 4½ | 15½ |
| May, " ... | 4 1 6 | 10½ | 6 | 7½ | 5 | 17½ |
| June, " ... | 4 2 6 | 11½ | 6½ | 6½ | 5 | 16½ |
| July, " ... | 4 3 3 | 11½ | 7½ | 7½ | 5½ | 16 |
| August, " ... | 3 11 9 | 11½ | 7½ | 8½ | 5½ | 8½ |
| September, " ... | 4 11 8 | 11½ | 7½ | 9 | 5½ | 8 |
| October, " ... | 6 1 9 | 11½ | 8½ | 9½ | 5½ | 8½ |
| November, " ... | 6 10 0 | 11½ | 8½ | 9½ | 5½ | 9½ |
| December, " ... | 6 5 0 | 10½ | 6½ | 9½ | 6½ | 9½ |
| January, 1908 ... | 6 5 0 | 10½ | 7½ | 9½ | 7 | 10 |
| February, " ... | 5 9 6 | 12½ | 7½ | 9½ | 7 | 13½ |

No. 37.—Gold produced.

Gold yield during January and February, 1908 and 1907.

| | | | | | 1908. | | 1907. | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | | | | | Quantity. | Value. | Quantity. | Value. |
| | | | | | oz. fine. | £ | oz. fine. | £ |
| January | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26,033 | 110,583 | 29,839 | 126,750 |
| February | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13,499 | 57,342 | 5,669 | 24,079 |
| Total for two months | | | | | 39,532 | 167,925 | 35,508 | 150,829 |

No. 38.—Quantity and Value of Minerals produced, 1906 and 1907.

| Minerals. | | | 1906. | | 1907. | | Increase in Value. | Decrease in Value. |
|-----------------------------|-----|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | Quantity. | Value. | Quantity. | Value. | | |
| Metallic— | | | | £ | | £ | £ | £ |
| Gold | ... | oz. fine | 253,987 | 1,078,866 | 247,363 | 1,050,730 | ..... | 28,136 |
| Silver | ... | .. | 284,994 | 36,431 | 2,043,887 | 257,314 | 220,883 | ..... |
| Silver—lead and ore | ... | ton | 371,939 | 2,826,542 | 434,079 | 3,658,632 | 832,090 | ..... |
| Lead—pig, &c.... | ... | .. | 59 | 1,084 | 19,768 | 374,182 | 373,098 | ..... |
| Zinc spelter & concentrates | ... | .. | 103,666 | 292,806 | 237,219 | 536,620 | 243,814 | ..... |
| Tin ingots and ore | ... | .. | 1,671 | 255,744 | 1,914 | 293,305 | 37,561 | ..... |
| Copper ingots and ore... | ... | .. | 9,755 | 789,527 | 10,098 | 727,774 | ..... | 61,753 |
| Antimony and ore | ... | .. | 2,451 | 52,645 | 1,752 | 46,278 | ..... | 6,367 |
| Bismuth | ... | .. | 25 | 5,700 | 16 | 5,268 | ..... | 432 |
| Wolfram | ... | .. | 132 | 9,057 | 207 | 26,235 | 17,178 | ..... |
| Scheelite | ... | .. | 109 | 7,647 | 196 | 23,781 | 16,134 | ..... |
| Molybdenite | ... | .. | 33 | 4,798 | 22 | 3,564 | ..... | 1,234 |
| Platinum | ... | oz. | 205 | 623 | 276 | 1,014 | 391 | ..... |
| Iron | ... | ton | ..... | ..... | 18,631 | 60,550 | 60,550 | ..... |
| Non-metallic— | | | | | | | | |
| Coal | ... | ton | 7,626,362 | 2,337,227 | 8,657,924 | 2,922,419 | 585,192 | ..... |
| Coke | ... | .. | 186,060 | 110,607 | 254,609 | 159,316 | 48,709 | ..... |
| Kerosene shale... | ... | .. | 32,446 | 28,470 | 47,331 | 32,055 | 3,585 | ..... |
| Alunite | ... | .. | 1,856 | 4,637 | 2,088 | 5,115 | 478 | ..... |
| Limestone flux... | ... | .. | 12,788 | 7,463 | 41,667 | 16,162 | 8,699 | ..... |
| Ironstone flux | ... | .. | 935 | 723 | 10,659 | 7,707 | 6,984 | ..... |
| Marble | ... | ... | ..... | 1,518 | ..... | 2,200 | 682 | ..... |
| Diamonds | ... | carat | 2,827 | 2,120 | 2,539 | 2,056 | ..... | 64 |
| Opal | ... | .. | ..... | 56,500 | ..... | 79,000 | 22,500 | ..... |
| Sundry minerals | ... | ... | ..... | 1,981 | ..... | 4,013 | 2,032 | ..... |
| Total |  |  | ..... | 7,912,716 | ..... | 10,295,290 | 2,480,560 | 97,986 |
| Net increase £2,382,574. | | | | | | | | |

NOTE.—The above table does not include iron made from scrap valued at £112,848 in 1906 and £118,082 in 1907, nor lime and Portland cement valued at £144,060 and £164,006, respectively, in 1906 and 1907. These items are accounted for in the manufacturing returns.

No. 39.—Value of Minerals Produced.

| Year. | Gold. | Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore. | Copper. | Tin. | Coal. | Total Minerals Produced. |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1897 ... | 1,104,315 | 1,698,239 | 283,174 | 49,900 | 1,230,041 | 4,648,119 |
| 1898 ... | 1,201,743 | 1,704,055 | 272,686 | 45,638 | 1,271,833 | 4,801,585 |
| 1899 ... | 1,623,320 | 2,070,657 | 395,451 | 90,482 | 1,325,799 | 6,089,749 |
| 1900 ... | 1,070,920 | 2,604,117 | 425,301 | 142,724 | 1,668,911 | 6,362,078 |
| 1901 ... | 737,164 | 1,854,463 | 412,292 | 76,544 | 2,178,929 | 5,680,739 |
| 1902 ... | 684,970 | 1,440,179 | 307,806 | 59,593 | 2,206,598 | 5,102,321 |
| 1903 ... | 1,080,029 | 1,501,403 | 462,640 | 150,208 | 2,319,660 | 5,957,512 |
| 1904 ... | 1,146,109 | 2,065,540 | 406,001 | 188,377 | 1,994,952 | 6,243,261 |
| 1905 ... | 1,165,013 | 2,494,052 | 527,403 | 226,110 | 2,003,461 | 6,897,081 |
| 1906 ... | 1,078,866 | 2,862,973 | 789,527 | 255,744 | 2,337,227 | 7,912,716 |
| 1907 ... | 1,050,730 | 3,915,946 | 727,774 | 293,305 | 2,922,419 | 10,295,290 |

No. 40.—Manufactories.

| Year. | Number of Establish- ments. | Hands Employed. | | | Value of Plant and Machinery. | Total Wages Paid. | Value of Output. |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|--------|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| | | Males. | Females. | Total. | | | |
| | | No. | No. | No. | £ | £ | £ |
| 1896 ... | 2,928 | 42,908 | 6,932 | 49,840 | 5,035,905 | Not available. | |
| 1897 ... | 2,826 | 44,333 | 7,106 | 51,439 | 5,294,228 | " | |
| 1898 ... | 2,839 | 44,673 | 7,845 | 52,518 | 5,435,696 | " | |
| 1899 ... | 2,912 | 47,063 | 8,583 | 55,646 | 5,640,384 | " | |
| 1900 ... | 3,077 | 50,516 | 10,263 | 60,779 | 5,707,640 | 4,974,216 | Not available |
| 1901 ... | 3,367 | 54,556 | 11,674 | 66,230 | 5,860,725 | 4,945,079 | 24,393,471 |
| 1902 ... | 3,396 | 54,326 | 11,943 | 66,269 | 6,795,843 | 5,080,740 | Not available |
| 1903 ... | 3,476 | 52,453 | 13,180 | 65,633 | 7,009,806 | 4,839,557 | 26,391,028 |
| 1904 ... | 3,632 | 53,457 | 14,579 | 68,036 | 7,536,903 | 5,012,758 | 27,159,230 |
| 1905 ... | 3,700 | 56,117 | 16,058 | 72,175 | 7,919,950 | 5,191,350 | 30,028,150 |
| * 1906 ... | 3,861 | 59,979 | 17,843 | 77,822 | 8,295,337 | 5,591,888 | 34,796,169 |

* See also Table 42.

No. 41.—Railways.

| Year ended 30th June. | Miles open for traffic. | Capital expended on lines open. | Net Earnings. | Train miles run. | Net Earnings per train mile. | Passengers carried. |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | No. | £ | £ | No. | s. d. | No. |
| 1897 ... | 2,640 | 37,369,205 | 1,413,524 | 8,130,405 | 3 5½ | 22,672,924 |
| 1898 ... | 2,691 | 37,719,402 | 1,412,143 | 8,340,338 | 3 4¾ | 23,233,206 |
| 1899 ... | 2,707 | 37,992,276 | 1,454,831 | 8,806,647 | 3 3¾ | 24,726,067 |
| 1900 ... | 2,811 | 38,477,269 | 1,394,052 | 8,894,352 | 3 1½ | 26,486,873 |
| 1901 ... | 2,846 | 38,932,781 | 1,530,578 | 10,763,697 | 2 10¼ | 29,261,324 |
| 1902 ... | 3,026 | 40,505,073 | 1,401,317 | 11,649,059 | 2 4¾ | 30,885,214 |
| 1903 ... | 3,139 | 41,654,977 | 1,048,594 | 11,548,338 | 1 9¾ | 32,384,138 |
| 1904 ... | 3,281 | 42,288,517 | 1,177,473 | 10,400,503 | 2 3¼ | 33,792,689 |
| 1905 ... | 3,281 | 43,062,550 | 1,491,869 | 10,467,886 | 2 10¼ | 35,158,150 |
| 1906 ... | 3,390 | 43,626,063 | 1,926,407 | 11,863,682 | 3 3 | 37,500,531 |
| 1907 ... | 3,453 | 44,700,230 | 2,209,665 | 12,949,068 | 3 5 | 41,413,084 |
| * Dec., 1907 ... | 3,468 | 44,700,230 | 668,729 | 3,747,812 | 3 6¼ | 11,987,700 |
| * „ 1906 ... | 3,453 | 43,626,063 | 667,291 | 3,309,278 | 4 0½ | 10,500,118 |

* Quarter ended 31st December.

No. 42.—Manufacturing Industries, 1906.

| Class of Industry. | Number of Establishments. | Hands Employed. | | | Value of Machinery, Implements, and Plant. |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|--------|--|
| | | Males. | Females. | Total. | |
| | | No. | No. | No. | £ |
| Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c. | 256 | 3,190 | 19 | 3,209 | 245,696 |
| Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ... | 48 | 550 | 131 | 681 | 158,157 |
| Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ... | 252 | 3,771 | 106 | 3,877 | 426,543 |
| Working in Wood ... | 457 | 5,186 | 19 | 5,205 | 365,780 |
| Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ... | 376 | 15,288 | 51 | 15,339 | 1,511,896 |
| Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics | 707 | 9,558 | 2,049 | 11,607 | 2,537,270 |
| Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials | 724 | 6,530 | 13,120 | 19,650 | 286,040 |
| Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ... | 335 | 5,539 | 1,422 | 6,961 | 671,321 |
| Musical Instruments, &c. ... | 6 | 305 | 33 | 338 | 4,815 |
| Arms and Explosives ... | 3 | 15 | 2 | 17 | 270 |
| Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c. | 259 | 2,607 | 60 | 2,667 | 43,790 |
| Ship and Boat Building ... | 34 | 1,585 | 10 | 1,595 | 161,269 |
| Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ... | 119 | 2,148 | 169 | 2,317 | 32,336 |
| Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ... | 48 | 678 | 334 | 1,012 | 107,276 |
| Surgical and other Scientific Instruments... | 8 | 69 | 17 | 86 | 2,570 |
| Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ... | 33 | 416 | 41 | 457 | 12,192 |
| Heat, Light, and Power ... | 139 | 1,821 | 62 | 1,883 | 1,705,857 |
| Leatherware, n.e.i. ... | 12 | 217 | 23 | 240 | 6,085 |
| Minor Wares, n.e.i. ... | 45 | 506 | 175 | 681 | 16,174 |
| Total ... | 3,861 | 59,979 | 17,843 | 77,822 | 8,295,337 |

| | Value of Materials used. | Value of Fuel Consumed. | Value of Goods Manufactured or work done. | Value of Production, being value added to Raw Materials. | Wages Paid. |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|-------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c. | 3,288,006 | 20,314 | †3,855,204 | 546,884 | 194,407 |
| Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ... | 420,149 | 7,483 | 621,016 | 193,384 | 42,366 |
| Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ... | 144,007 | 77,354 | 722,627 | 501,266 | 300,212 |
| Working in Wood ... | 1,105,105 | 10,705 | 1,806,846 | 691,036 | 376,912 |
| Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ... | 4,195,818 | 229,602 | 7,631,010 | 3,205,590 | 1,502,331 |
| Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics | 9,258,104 | 112,545 | 11,955,522 | 2,584,873 | 824,083 |
| Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials | 1,890,906 | 12,775 | 3,414,603 | 1,510,922 | 907,542 |
| Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ... | 476,461 | 13,623 | 1,396,774 | 906,690 | 557,245 |
| Musical Instruments, &c. ... | 43,295 | 237 | 102,875 | 59,343 | 30,584 |
| Arms and Explosives ... | 2,475 | 21 | 4,521 | 2,025 | 1,077 |
| Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c. | 228,019 | 4,974 | 536,426 | 303,433 | 179,990 |
| Ship and Boat Building ... | 80,748 | 4,836 | 284,178 | 198,594 | 167,136 |
| Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ... | 264,927 | 1,804 | 531,168 | 264,437 | 157,383 |
| Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ... | 259,701 | 5,856 | 487,610 | 222,053 | 62,893 |
| Surgical and other Scientific Instruments... | 8,973 | 239 | 22,924 | 13,712 | 5,589 |
| Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ... | 41,847 | 522 | 99,838 | 57,469 | 33,990 |
| Heat, Light, and Power ... | 232,351 | 105,829 | 1,062,466 | 724,286 | 200,922 |
| Leatherware, n.e.i. ... | 69,475 | 340 | 97,981 | 28,166 | 14,218 |
| Minor Wares, n.e.i. ... | 92,318 | 939 | 162,580 | 69,323 | 33,008 |
| Total ... | 22,102,685 | 609,998 | 34,796,169 | 12,083,486* | 5,591,888 |

* If £222,824, the value added to articles already included in primary industries be deducted, the total value of the production from the manufacturing industries is £11,860,662.

† Including value of wool treated.

No. 43.—Manufactories—Value of Production, 1901–1906.

| Class of Industry. | 1901. (Census Year) | 1903. | 1904. | 1905. | 1906. |
|---|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c. | 337,739 | 547,636 | 449,521 | 457,067 | 546,884 |
| Oils and Fats, &c. | 160,718 | 162,491 | 179,690 | 177,877 | 193,384 |
| Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ... | 422,272 | 445,774 | 399,459 | 462,447 | 501,266 |
| Working in Wood | 649,149 | 647,463 | 609,255 | 645,027 | 691,036 |
| Metal Works, Machinery, &c. | 2,443,432 | 2,382,185 | 2,485,649 | 2,781,996 | 3,205,590 |
| Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics | 2,231,942 | 1,919,746 | 2,053,276 | 2,138,487 | 2,362,049 |
| Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Material | 1,091,244 | 1,150,871 | 1,219,217 | 1,289,527 | 1,510,922 |
| Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ... | 950,771 | 802,860 | 851,780 | 847,996 | 906,690 |
| Musical Instruments, &c. | 22,309 | 29,511 | 30,708 | 54,799 | 59,343 |
| Arms and Explosives | 1,480 | 3,065 | 1,924 | 1,541 | 2,025 |
| Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c. | 266,016 | 198,391 | 239,727 | 257,251 | 303,433 |
| Ship and Boat Building | 148,800 | 207,932 | 205,392 | 179,380 | 198,594 |
| Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ... | 220,434 | 209,395 | 199,025 | 228,903 | 264,437 |
| Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ... | 74,066 | 108,299 | 148,785 | 199,100 | 222,053 |
| Surgical and other Scientific Instruments .. | 17,304 | 9,145 | 10,700 | 10,925 | 13,712 |
| Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ... | 24,698 | 31,043 | 41,048 | 48,705 | 57,469 |
| Heat, Light, and Power | 624,567 | 681,190 | 707,356 | 739,397 | 724,286 |
| Leatherware, n.e.i. | 12,243 | 16,303 | 20,955 | 24,229 | 28,166 |
| Minor Wares, n.e.i. | 37,047 | 46,490 | 46,646 | 53,799 | 69,323 |
| Total | 9,736,171 | 9,599,790 | 9,900,113 | 10,598,453 | 11,860,662 |

NOTE.—The value of production from factories dealing with milk products is omitted, as it has already been included in the returns of the Dairying Industry.

No. 44.—Postal Communication.

| Year. | Post Offices open. | Letters carried. | Post cards and letter cards carried. | Newspapers carried. | Packets, books, and parcels carried. | Miles of telegraph line. | Telegrams transmitted. |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1896 | 2,006 | 68,845,675 | 1,406,560 | 45,558,340 | 16,109,750 | 12,418 | 2,796,776 |
| 1897 | 2,046 | 72,490,144 | 1,534,710 | 42,426,394 | 13,258,207 | 12,778 | 2,728,360 |
| 1898 | 2,098 | 75,119,595 | 1,862,100 | 42,570,850 | 17,093,767 | 13,242 | 2,866,570 |
| 1899 | 2,152 | 74,686,138 | 2,040,610 | 46,806,560 | 14,641,064 | 13,663 | 3,112,063 |
| 1900 | 2,189 | 77,361,604 | 2,241,090 | 51,500,920 | 14,558,454 | 14,065 | 3,219,907 |
| 1901 | 2,208 | 80,301,717 | 2,481,750 | 52,317,650 | 15,216,387 | 14,272 | 3,449,315 |
| 1902 | 2,216 | 88,077,145 | 2,704,250 | 47,763,350 | 16,995,440 | 14,356 | 3,627,369 |
| 1903 | 2,228 | 89,156,941 | 3,081,270 | 37,900,840 | 16,305,421 | 14,395 | 3,638,591 |
| 1904 | 2,239 | 93,752,099 | 4,518,088 | 40,384,812 | 19,485,389 | 14,491 | 3,637,280 |
| 1905 | 2,266 | 102,292,888 | 9,665,700 | 44,599,104 | 23,077,694 | 14,827 | 3,837,962 |
| 1906 | 2,288 | 113,226,280 | 14,457,564 | 47,144,094 | 25,201,131 | 15,417 | 4,452,506 |

No. 45.—Current Rates of Wages.

Mechanics, Artisans, and others (without Board and Lodging).

Bakers (per week), 50/- to 60/-
 Blacksmiths, 10/- per day; average, 50/-
 Boilermakers—
 1/3 per hour, new work } approximate average
 1/4 " old work } per week, 35/-
 Brass-finishers, 1/- per hour; average, 42/-
 Brassmoulders, 1/3 " " 50/-
 Bricklayers, 1/4½ " " 45/-
 Brickmakers, 1/- " " 40/-
 Carpenters and joiners, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
 Coach-painters, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
 Coachsmiths, 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-
 Compositors (piecework)—
 1/- to 1/1 per 1,000 ens.
 52/- per week (jobbing).
 Linotype (newspapers), 1/3 per 1,000 ens.
 Time rate, 1/6 per hour (day).
 " 1/9 " (night).
 Coopers (piecework), 50/- to 55/- per week.
 Coppersmiths, 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-
 Engineers, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-
 Engine-drivers, 30/- to 50/- per week; average, 40/-
 Engine-fitters, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-
 Galvanised iron workers, 1/1½ per hour; average, 50/-
 Gas-fitters, 1/4½ per hour; average, 55/-
 General labourers, 7/- per day.
 Skilled " 8/- " ; average, 40/-
 Ironmoulders, 1/3 per hour; average, 40/-
 Iron-turners, 1/3 " " 45/-
 Masons and stone-cutters, 1/4½ per hour; average, 40/-
 Navvies—7/- to 8/- per day; average, 40/- per week.

Painters and paperhangers (44 hours per week),
 1/2 per hour; average, 35/- per week.
 Pattern-makers, 10/- to 12/- per day.
 Plasterers, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
 Plumbers, 1/4½ " " 50/-
 Saddlers (piecework), average, 50/-
 Shipwrights (adults), 11/- to 12/- per day.
 Shop assistants (per week)—
 Butchers, with board, 25/- to 30/-
 " without board, 35/- to 45/-
 Drapers (males), 30/- to 45/-
 " improvers, 5/- to 15/-
 " (females), 12/6 to 25/-
 " improvers, 2/6 to 12/6
 Grocers, 25/- to 45/-
 " improvers, 20/-
 Ironmongers, 30/- to 40/-
 Tinsmiths, 1/1½ and 1/2 per hour; average, 50/-
 Trolly and Draymen, 1 horse, 40/-; 2 horses, 45/-
 per week of 57 hours. 2/6 per week for each
 additional horse.
 Typewriters (females), 10/- to 30/- per week.
 Wharf labourers—
 Deep sea, 1/3 per hour; 1/9 overtime;
 average, 30/-
 Interstate, 1/1½ per hour; 1/6 overtime;
 average, 30/-
 Coastal, 1/1½ per hour; 1/4 overtime;
 average, 30/-
 Wheelwrights, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
 Woolwashers, 6/- to 7/- per day; average, 40/-.

Average Wages for Adults in Factories (per week).

Aerated Water Factories—
 Bottlers (machine), 33/-
 Bottle washers, 20/- to 30/-
 Labellers, 12/6
 Packers, 35/-
 Boatbuilders (average, 40/-), 54/-
 Bookbinders (average, 50/-), 52/-
 Bootmakers, male (average, 38/-), 45/-
 Bootmakers, female (average, 12/6), 15/-
 Brewery hands, 36/- to 44/-
 Cabinetmakers (average, 50/-), 52/-
 Dressmakers, 15/- to 25/-
 " improvers, 5/- to 12/6
 Milliners, 15/- to 25/-
 " improvers, 5/- to 12/6

Paper-bag makers, females—
 Handwork, 15/- to 18/-
 Machinists, 16/- to 20/-
 " males, 30/- to 40/-
 Paper-box makers, males, 25/- to 45/-
 " females, 10/- to 20/-
 Saw-mill labourers, 36/- to 40/-
 Tailors (coat hands), 35/- to 45/-
 " (trousers hands), 20/- to 30/-
 Tailoresses (coat hands), order, 27/6
 " (trousers hands), order, 22/6 to 26/-
 " (vest hands), order, 20/- to 25/-
 " (factory), 10/- to 20/-
 Tanners, 43/-
 Tobacco, cigar makers, male, 42/-
 Upholsterers, male, 52/-

NOTE.—The averages stated indicate the approximate amount earned per week all the year round in the specified trades. An ordinary working day consists of eight hours. The rates shown are practically the minimum.

Interstate Steamers (per month).

Officers, chief, £14 to £17; 2nd, £11 to £13;
 3rd, £9 to £10; 4th, £8.
 Firemen, £8 10s. to £10.
 Trimmers, £6 10s. to £7.

Engineers, chief, £20 to £27 10s.; 2nd, £16 to
 £19; 3rd, £14 to £15; 4th, £12.
 Able seamen, £7.
 " " (sailing ships), average, £5.

State (New South Wales) Steamers.

Firemen, £9 to £10.

Trimmers, £7.

Able Seamen, £7 (6-hour watches).

No. 45.—Current Rates of Wages—continued.

Farm and Station Hands (with rations and lodging), per week or per year.

Married couples (without family)—

Farm, £65 to £75.

Station, £70 to £85.

Farm labourers, 20/-

Boundary riders, 15/- to 20/-

Bullock drivers, 20/- to 25/-

Dairy hands, 15/- to 22/6

Rouseabouts and shed hands, 15/- to 20/-

Orchard hands, 14/- to 20/-

Horse-team drivers, 20/- to 30/-

Stockmen, £45 to £52.

Country blacksmiths—

Station, 30/-

General (without rations), 50/- to 60/-

Useful boys, 7/6 to 12/6.

Shearers (per 100 sheep), no rations, 20/-

Harvest hands, 35/-

Vignerons, 15/- to 20/-

Domestic Servants (with board and lodging), per week.

Cooks (Females)—

Hotel, 15/- to 30/-

Station, 20/- to 25/-

Private house, 15/- to 20/-

Boarding-house, 20/- to 30/-

Cook and laundress, 15/- to 20/-

Laundresses, 20/-

Gardeners, 20/- to 30/-

General servants, 10/- to 20/-

Grooms and coachmen, 17/6 to 25/-

Nursemaids, and assist in house, 6/- to 10/-

Useful girls, 6/- to 10/-

Waitresses (board only), 15/- to 18/-

No. 46.—Meteorology.

| District. | February, 1908. | | | | | February— (Mean 1895–1907). | | | Mean annual— All previous years. | |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------|
| | Temperature. | | | Rain- fall. | Number of days Rain. | Mean Temper- ature. | Rain- fall. | Number of days Rain. | Temper- ature. | Rain- fall. |
| | Mean. | Mean Max. | Mean Min. | | | | | | | |
| | deg. (Fahr.) | deg. (Fahr.) | deg. (Fahr.) | inches. | | deg. (Fahr.) | inches. | | deg. (Fahr.) | inches. |
| North Coast— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grafton | 74'9 | 86'8 | 63'0 | 8'42 | 10 | 76'7 | 3'18 | 9 | 68'3 | 38'77 |
| Hunter and Manning— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Singleton | 72'6 | 79'9 | 65'2 | 14'17 | 14 | 74'9 | 1'63 | 3 | 64'3 | 29'65 |
| Cumberland— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sydney | 71'4 | 76'9 | 65'8 | 6'90 | 20 | 71'6 | 1'98 | 12 | 63'0 | 48'34 |
| South Coast— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bega | 70'0 | 80'3 | 59'7 | 3'35 | 8 | 70'0 | 4'40 | 5 | 59'8 | 31'74 |
| Northern Tableland— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Armidale | 65'8 | 75'3 | 56'2 | 6'73 | 15 | 67'9 | 2'13 | 7 | 56'4 | 31'78 |
| Central Tableland— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bathurst | 66'3 | 79'7 | 52'9 | 2'80 | 5 | 71'4 | 1'06 | 4 | 57'2 | 23'89 |
| Southern Tableland— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goulburn | 66'0 | 76'4 | 55'6 | 3'13 | 8 | 67'3 | 1'21 | 5 | 56'4 | 25'63 |
| North-western Slope— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gunnedah | 76'3 | 87'8 | 64'7 | 6'58 | 11 | 80'5 | 1'57 | 4 | 66'2 | 24'76 |
| Central-western Slope— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dubbo | 74'6 | 87'9 | 61'3 | 4'56 | 7 | 80'0 | 0'87 | 4 | 63'6 | 22'36 |
| South-western Slope— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wagga | 79'6 | 95'2 | 64'0 | 2'25 | 5 | 78'8 | 0'48 | 3 | 61'6 | 21'73 |
| North-western Plain— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moree | 77'0 | 88'4 | 65'6 | 6'33 | 7 | 81'3 | 2'11 | 6 | 68'7 | 23'23 |
| Central-western Plain— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coonamble | 77'0 | 90'2 | 63'8 | 3'47 | 8 | 81'0 | 1'66 | 3 | 65'8 | 19'96 |
| Riverina— | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deniliquin | 78'5 | 92'6 | 64'3 | 0'92 | 4 | 76'5 | 0'72 | 2 | 61'9 | 16'46 |

No. 47.—Crown Lands Selections, 1908.

The following statements show—(first) the Land Selected ; and (second), the Area made available for Residential Settlement during the month of February, 1908, and during the period from 1st January to 29th February, 1908 :—

LANDS SELECTED UNDER THE "CROWN LANDS ACT."

| Description of Holding. | During February, 1908. | | 1st Jan. to 29th February, 1908. | |
|---|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| | No. of Applicants. | Area (acres). | No. of Applicants. | Area (acres). |
| ORIGINAL HOLDINGS. | | | | |
| Conditional Purchase Leases | 19 | 13,945 | 45 | 26,307 |
| Original Conditional Purchases | 125 | 17,618 | 256 | 36,557 |
| *Conditional Leases applied for simultaneously with and in virtue of these O.C. Purchases | (65) | 29,182 | (141) | 69,854 |
| Original Homestead Selections | 14 | 3,473 | 21 | 5,065 |
| Original Settlement Leases | 2 | 5,203 | 7 | 38,343 |
| Settlement Purchases ... .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total of New Settlers | 160 | 69,421 | 329 | 176,126 |
| ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS. | | | | |
| Additional Conditional Purchases | 81 | 11,571 | 148 | 20,548 |
| Additional Conditional Leases | 84 | 24,557 | 182 | 51,342 |
| Additional Homestead Selections | 7 | 3,534 | 14 | 5,850 |
| Additional Settlement Leases... .. | 4 | 2,244 | 9 | 7,506 |
| Total | 176 | 41,906 | 353 | 85,246 |

* A Conditional Lease may be of any area not exceeding three times that of the associated Conditional Purchase, and is usually taken up at the same time as the Conditional Purchase. It is not, however, treated as an additional holding.

AREAS SPECIALLY SET APART FOR RESIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT.

| Description of Holding. | During February, 1908. | | 1st Jan. to 29th February, 1908. | |
|--|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| | No. of Blocks. | Area (acres). | No. of Blocks. | Area (acres). |
| ORIGINAL HOLDINGS. | | | | |
| For Conditional Purchase Lease | 20 | 14,413 | 55 | 29,807 |
| Original Conditional Purchase | 9 | 771 | 41 | 2,674 |
| Original Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease in virtue thereof | 42 | 30,743 | 92 | 80,408 |
| Original Homestead Selection | 7 | 2,155 | 9 | 2,175 |
| Original Settlement Lease ... .. | ..... | ..... | 2 | 16,450 |
| Settlement Purchase ... .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total | 78 | 48,082 | 199 | 131,514 |
| ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS. | | | | |
| For all forms of Additional Holdings | 69 | 23,857 | 136 | 91,609 |
| Additional Conditional Purchase | 1 | 30 | 4 | 181 |
| Additional Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease | 1 | 52 | 6 | 372 |
| Additional Homestead Selection... .. | ..... | ..... | 1 | 16 |
| Additional Settlement Lease | 1 | 800 | 2 | 1,400 |
| Additional Conditional Purchase, Conditional Lease, or Additional Homestead Selection | 2 | 110 | 2 | 110 |
| Total | 74 | 24,849 | 151 | 93,688 |

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